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I WISH to thank all those friends who co-operated with me in compiling this genealogy. Without their help it would have been impossible to do what we have done. I would like to mention many of you but I might leave out someone so perhaps it is best not to give any names at all.

In an undertaking of this kind there are sure to be some mistakes and omissions. So please forgive me and perhaps next time we will do better.

*Live for those who love us,
Those who know us true,
For the Heaven that smiles above us,
And awaits our spirit too.*

THOMAS A. McCLURE.

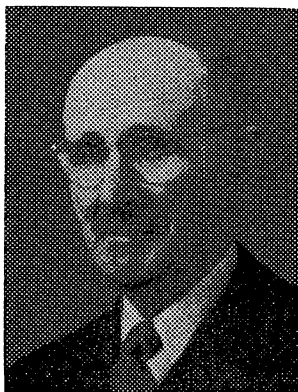
Foreword

BY WILLIAM GARFIELD McCLURE

THE MEMBERS of the McClure Clan owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Thomas A. McClure, the Historian of the Clan, for his collection of valuable information regarding the many McClures, who were pioneers in Ontario over one hundred years ago.

We owe much to the efforts of Dr. William P. McClure, son of Patrick, who was so interested in the genealogy of the McClures and who had gathered much valuable information concerning the families whom he knew fifty years ago. (See picture on plate page 1). He requested that his work be continued and we have been very fortunate in having one who is so deeply interested and has spent much time in tracing many families in Canada, the United States, and the British Isles. Our sincere thanks is offered to Thomas A. McClure, who is the grandson of Long John McClure, one of the first to settle in Peel County, Ontario, in the year 1824.

In gathering information regarding such a large Clan some errors could be made, but as each family is responsible for the information given, every effort has been made to get as accurate data as possible. This genealogy has become international, the Historian having traced our relationship back to the seventeenth century to many families in England, Ireland and Scotland, indicating that we originated in Scotland.



THOS. A. McCLURE
Clan Historian

Our origin is dealt with very extensively in a book *The Pioneer Family of the Monongahela Valley of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.* This book was written by C. P. McClure and Roy F. McClure of McKees Port, Allegany County, Pa., U.S.A. One of the families described came from Scotland to the U.S.A. in 1715, and others came from Ireland prior to 1730.

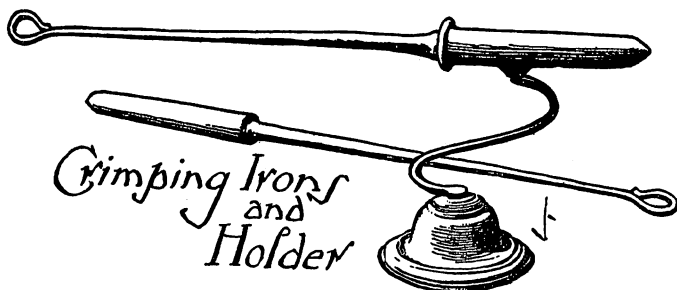
We are proud to look back through the years and know that those referred to in this book were Christian God-fearing people, whose chief interest was in their church, and their hope in Eternal Life through redemption as provided by Jesus Christ.

The late Andrew Thomas McClure, of Reynoldsville, Pa., has given us a very interesting account of this book and also his own people, as shown in the concluding chapter of this volume.

Blessed are the Pure in Heart
For they their God shall see,
And from His presence ne'er depart,
Through all Eternity.

We praise our God for the many blessings that have been provided for our people and trust that we may be worthy ancestors of those humble, Christian pioneers, who now rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

W. G. McCLURE.



CHAPTER ONE

The McClure Family

BY JOHN WILFRED McCLURE

Reprinted From The Witness, 19/2/04

Note: This account is exactly the same as those given in the history of the Monongabala Valley McClures. —T. A. McClure.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: *The Witness was a weekly publication of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and served several generations with news mainly of Church and denominational interest. John Wilfred McClure (who may have been a minister) contributed five articles to The Witness in 1904. Although I made an extensive research into past editions of The Witness preserved in the reference library, Presbyterian Assembly Buildings, Belfast, I fail to find any trace of a sixth and last article contributed by John Wilfred McClure. I very much regret the omission of this concluding article; but copies of the five articles have been compiled and are now forwarded to you with the hope that they may prove interesting and informative. They have been copied from cuttings taken from The Witness well nigh fifty years ago by my uncle Mr. Andrew McClure (chemist), Newry, Co. Down. Publication of The Witness was discontinued during the Second World War (circa, 1940) but information in these five articles may prove very interesting, indeed, when compared with facts which you will have already collected for your history of the American McClures.*

*Signed, ANDREW MORROW McCLURE,
Belfast, Ireland.*

IT is but natural that people should be interested in the origin and history of their family, and especially when a family has many praiseworthy records and honourable members to its account, as in the present instance, even if a little pride be attached to that interest it will be pardoned.

Although I am by no means gifted with a rare amount of energy, yet as occasions have offered themselves, I have amused myself during my leisure moments by putting together as many particulars of the McClure family as I could succeed in culling from various sources, and, although I do not look on my researches as by any means completed, yet, as far as I have gone, they seem sufficient to furnish material for this short article, which, I trust, will meet with the approval and satisfaction of my readers.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME

Upon this point there seems to be some discussion, if not a considerable amount of conjecture. What, to my mind, seems the most correct version is kindly supplied by the Rev. J. Campbell McClure, minister of Marykirk, Kincardineshire, N.B., who states that "the family tradition handed down to him through a line of long-lived successors is that 'in early times a sept of the Macleods left the Isle of Skye for Ulster, and that the Northern Irish slurred the d of MacLude (as it was then pronounced) into r, hence the name MacLure.' From Ulster they passed over into Wigstonshire, etc., as MacLures." What confirmed him in this tradition was that, while in college, with the late Dr. Norman Macleod for class-mate the Professor pronounced McClure and MacLeod so much alike that they both rose together when either was called. When we couple this with the fact that McClures in Scotland wear the MacLeod tartan, we ought to look on the information as beyond dispute.

Others, however, come forward with a different theory. Someone writing a long article in the *Dublin University Magazine*, of 1854, on the late Sir Robert McClure, discoverer of the N.W. Passage, winds up with a fanciful note on the origin of his name, viz., "His name is identical with Manannan MacLir, the sea-god of Ireland and the Isle of Man, whose real name was Orbsen, and from whom Lough Corrib derives its name. He was prob-

ably one of those Carthaginian merchants who came to these islands in ancient times. In Londonderry he is now usually called Manannan MacLur, and many stories are told of him and assertions made that he will one day achieve a great nautical feat which will redound to the glory of Ireland." Very little credence may be attached to this conjecture.

The Rev. Edmund McClure, secretary of the S.P.C.K., London, whose researches show an amount of careful and minute attention, states that the name is composed of the same phrases as many others of Scottish origin, and that its rendering in English gives "son of the pale youth" (or gillie), for instance, "Mac"—son, "Giolla"—gillie, and "Uidhar"—pale. Hence "Mac Giolla Uidhar, easily transformable into "MacLure," the word "Uidhar" being pronounced "ure," and being the genitive form of "odhar," pale or dun colour. In the same way "MacLean" is derived from "Mac giolla Eoin," "son of the servant of John."

One authority tells me that the McClures of Skye were the teachers, as the Mac Rimmons were the pipers, to the Clan MacLeod, and derives the name from "MacGiolla Leabhair (pronounced "louer"), son of the gillie of the book, but Gaelic scholars do not accept the latter derivation as admissible, though the tradition of their teachership is still extant in Skye.

An yet another authority rather brusquely informs me that "with reference to the origin of the name M'Clure there is no controversy. It means "son of a leper," in Gaelic "MacLobhair" (pronounced louer), and hails from the days when leprosy in the British Isles was a common complaint. It appears there are two or three totally distinct families bearing the name of M'Lure and M'Clure.

One family was formerly resident in Islay, in Scotland, and with this family Mr. MacBain, an eminent authority on Gaelic surnames, and professor in the High School, Inverness, deals in his interesting pamphlet on

Gaelic nomenclature, which I have unfortunately mislaid.

I should think, however, that Rev. J. Campbell M'Clure's statement with reference to the Ayrshire M'Clure, from whom we in Ireland descend, seems to be the most trustworthy of any.

THEIR ORIGINAL HABITAT

The Witness. 26/2/04

There is no doubt about one thing, and that is that Scotland is our "mither". If, as I have quoted in the preceding article, we are of MacLeod origin, then the Isle of Skye is the place which first gave us birth. The Clan MacLeod derive, it is stated, from Leod, one of the three sons of Olave the Black, King of Man and the Western Isles in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Leod by marriage with the heiress of the Norwegian chieftain MacRait, acquired large possessions in Skye &c., including the fortress of Dunvegan, which are still in the possession of the family. The name MacRait ("MacHarold" as we should call it, Rait and Harold being the same) is still extant in Skye. The name M'Clure is also to be met with there.

Some authorities, however, aver that the MacLeods are of Irish descent, and that there is no documentary evidence to substantiate the statement that Leod was a son of Olave the Black, King of Man and the Isles. In one of the old volumes of the *Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, I met with a long pedigree of the Macleods, deducing them through various Scottish chieftains and princes back to Fergus Mor Mac Earcha, but so much to have been written upon this question that I feel an individual like myself, with limited time and limited knowledge, had better not gallop too lightly over the same ground.

Somebody says the name M'Clure has been met with in the twelfth century, but can give no reference. The Rev. Edmond M'Clure, from M'Clure which he could lay hands on when writing (he had some notes mislaid of earlier) occurs in a contract between Thomas Kennedy,

of Blaresguhan, and Margaret Kessok, of Little Dunrod, Kirkcudbright. Ewin Maklur and Gilbert Maklure are witnesses, and the date is 1485. These Maklures were probably friends (or relatives) of the Kennedy Seneschal, of Carrick. In Scotland S. W. Gilbert was a common Christian name in the Kennedy family. These Maklures were probably cadets of the Carrick family of Maclures, of Bennane. Mr. M'Clure goes on to say that "in the *Acta Dominorum Auditorum*, published by the Government in 1839, I find under the date October 6, 1488, a decree that John, Lord Kenydy, John of Montgomery, and Michiell M'Lure, shall devoid, &c., the lands of Barbette—to Janete Hamiltown, Lady of Gaitgirtle (now Gadgirtle, in Ayrshire). Barbette is close to Kirkintilloch, N.E., of Glasgow. On the 24th January, same year, old style, 24 Jan., 1489, new style, there is a decree that John, Lord Kenydy (with a stroke through it), John of Montgomery and Mitchell M'Clure shall content and pay to Janet Hamiltown, Lady of Gaitgirtle, the soume of xx. marks for the dampnage, &c., &c.

This John Lord Kennedy was the ancestor of the present Marquis of Ailsa (*vide* Burke's peerage), and John of Montgomery was an ancestor of the Earls of Eglinton and Winton.

It is interesting to note the different ways in which the name M'Clure is spelt in these short extracts.

There are records in Galloway of the M'Clure family shown to the present day. From this we may gather that the M'Clures are of MacLeod origin. The transition of the name must have taken place at a very early date, and the stay in Ulster of the wandering Macleod must have been of short duration, and unaccompanied by any circumstance sufficiently startling to warrant a reference to the matter in ancient records. At any rate the Ayrshire M'Clures (I have it from a representative of one of their oldest families) claim to come originally from Skye.

The Rev. J. Campbell M'Clure, of Kincardineshire (the only member of his family in that distant quarter), comes himself from Ayrshire, and his ancestors lie buried in Alloway Kirkyard. His family traditions tell of a persecution of his ancestors under Charles II, the well-known days when the heroic and faithful Covenanters were subjected to such unholy treatment. His ancestors had his furniture torn out of his home in Dalmellington, and burnt by way of military punishment for some act of his as an ecclesiastical reformer.

Someone may unearth a good deal more with reference to the M'Clure family in ancient times as a result of interest awakened by these short and somewhat disconnected jottings of mine, and we all certainly hope that if such is the case we may be favoured with a copy of the information, as there must be much yet hidden away in deeds and records which has not yet found the light.

I shall now proceed with an account of the family in Ireland.

THE M'CLURES IN IRELAND

The Witness. 4/3/04

The first immigration of the M'Clures to Ireland took place at the Ulster Plantation, in the reign of James I of England and VI of Scotland, A.D., 1608. Three brothers then came over from the south-west of Scotland—Ayrshire. The first settled at Saintfield, County Down, and was ancestor of the Down M'Clures; and from his descendant, Thomas M'Clure, born 1716, married 1750, or thereabouts to Elizabeth Ralston, I descend. Thomas M'Clure lived to the age of 101, and his wife to 102. So they established a record unique in conjugal felicity, as well as longevity. These M'Clures, in common with several other families, were interested in the linen industry, and I am told my great-great-grandmother, as Mrs. M'Clure, nee Ralston, was specially deft in the use of the distaff. In this branch of the M'Clure family the name Anthony

occurs frequently, as it has also done in any Ayshire family of M'Clures represented now as sole survivor by Mr. William M'Clure, solicitor, of Hill Crest Wigton, N.B. From this brother, who settled in the neighbourhood of Saintfield, County Down, also descended the late William Waugh-M'Clure, J.P., of Windsor Terrace, Lurgan, who kindly gave me the information.

The second brother settled at Crumlin, County Antrim, and was ancestor of the Sir Thos. M'Clure, Bart., M.P., of Belmont, who was grandson of Thomas M'Clure and Anne Swan, of Summer Hill, County Antrim, and whose M'Clure ancestor was an officer under King William at the Battle of the Boyne.

The third brother settled in Armagh, and but little is known of his descendants. It is probable they travelled further afield into Derry.

In Boswell's *Tour Through the Highlands*, in the intellectual, if not particularly enlivening society of the celebrated Dr. Johnson, of dictionary fame, he mentions, under date of October, 1773, meeting at the house of the MacQuarrie, "Chief of Ulva's Isle," a Captain M'Clure, master of the *Bonnetta*, sailing vessel, of Londonderry. "Captain M'Clure," he says, "was of Scottish extraction, and properly a MacLeod, being descended of some of the MacLeods who went with Sir Norman MacLeod, of Bernera, to the Battle of Worcester, and after the defeat of the Royalists fled to Ireland, and to conceal themselves took a different name. He told me there were a great number of them about Londonderry, some of good property." Some of my readers may have heard this tradition. I find in old records that James M'Clure, of Armagh, was attainted in the reign of James II along with a vast number of Protestant landowners in Ireland. He is there described as "James MacClure, gentleman." Again, in the "Records of the General Synod of Ulster," 1691-1820, the name M'Clure frequently occurs. At the Antrim Synod, June 5,

1705, James M'Clure, of Armagh, ruling elder, is mentioned. This may probably have been the James M'Clure attainted in 1688.

The name occurs again in 1710, and in 1723 John M'Clure, of Belfast Presbytery, is mentioned. In 1733 we find Thomas M'Clure, elder, Templepatrick, and again in 1738 Daniel M'Lewer, elder, also in Templepatrick Presbytery. As I have heard of, but cannot locate, a marriage between the Huguenot family of De la Cherois and the M'Clures, I presume this strange surname Daniel, strange to M'Clures but quite familiar amongst the De la Cherois family, may be looked on as a proof of the alliance.

The De la Cherois are of noble French extraction, and claim descent from John Duke of Gascony, when that province was a separate duchy, now a matter of very ancient history. The M'Clures, of *M'Clure's Magazine*, New York, are of this branch of the family.

In 1740 William M'Lewer appears as elder in Derry Presbytery, and in 1748 we have another James M'Clure, of Armagh.

THE M'CLURES IN IRELAND

The Witness. 11/3/04

I do not think it would be correct to assume that all the M'Clures in Ireland are descended from the three brothers who came over at the Plantation of Ulster, as I have proof of other families having come over at a later date.

The Rev. Alfred J. P. M'Clure, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church in Wyncote, Pa., U.S.A., is a descendant of William M'Clure of Dumfries, who with his family fled to Ireland from the persecution of the Covenanters. William M'Clure's youngest son, James, emigrated to America, and, having first settled in Lancaster County, afterwards, in the year 1769, established himself at Fort M'Clure, on the Susquehanna, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. James M'Clure had five children, named as follows,

Margaret, Josiah, John, Priscilla and James. The youngest, son, James M'Clure, married 1796, and left issue, Margaret, James, Mary, Samuel, Eleanor, Josiah, Charles, Priscilla, Benjamin and Alfred.

Alfred, the youngest son, was born in 1855, and is the clergyman just referred to. As I look over these Christian names I find the names James and Eleanor and Mary familiar in my own branch of the family.

Again, President James Gore King M'Clure, of Lake Forest University, Illinois, is a grandson of Archibald M'Clure, who resided in or near Belfast, and in 1801 emigrated to America. Mr. Archibald M'Clure married in Ireland a Miss Elizabeth Craigmiles, a lady of Scottish descent, like himself. "The story runs," President M'Clure says. "That my ancestors, during the persecution of the Covenanters, were hidden under a load of hay into which soldiers thrust their weapons, but not far enough to pierce those who were hidden within. The time is named, as you indicate, in the sixteenth century." President M'Clure is very anxious to hear of his Irish ancestors or relatives, if at present living (when I say "at present living" I mean the "relatives," of course, not the "ancestors"). In the year 1729 John M'Clure, "whose remote ancestors were Scottish Highlanders," resided in Londonderry. He had two sons, Samuel and David, who, with a number of Christian families, with the Rev. John Moorhead (or more correctly speaking, Mr. John Moorhead, as the title Rev. was not then used by Presbyterian ministers), as their minister emigrated to Boston, U.S.A. David M'Clure removed to Brookfield, and left a numerous family.

Samuel M'Clure was the first deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Boston, and was elected 14th July, 1730. Samuel's children were—Jane, married to Robert Fullerton; David, drowned at sea; Anna, married to Matthew Stewart; Samuel, married to Martha M'Clure; Margaret, married to Thomas Stenson;

John, married 5th Aug., 1740, to Rachel, daughter of William M'Clintock, of Londonderry, who emigrated with the M'Clure's to America in 1729. William M'Clintock was through the siege of Londonderry, and he and his parents suffered all the horrors of famine. John M'Clure's fifth son, the Rev. David M'Clure, D.D., was born 18th Nov., 1748, at Newport, R.I., and died 25th June, 1820, at South Windsor County. He married first, 1780, Hannah, youngest daughter of Rev. Benjamin Poweroy, D.D., of Hebron County, and, secondly, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, of Providence, R.I.

His children were — Abigail Wheelock M'Clure, Rachel M'Clintock M'Clure, Mary Anne M'Clure, Susanna Willys M'Clure, Hannah Poweroy M'Clure.

Dr. M'Clure was a noble example of Christian life and service. He was first a missionary to the Indians, and it is interesting to read an extract from a letter written to him by his father and mother on hearing of his determination to become a missionary to these poor benighted people.

Boston, July 30, 1764.

Dear and Loving Son,—You have greatly rejoiced all our hearts in expressing your zeal and resolution for the glory of God in the service of His Son, Jesus Christ, to carry His Gospel among the aboriginal natives. It is the most honourable employment in the world. O, my son, I have given you up to God, soul and body! Many prayers I have put up to heaven for you. I hope God is answering them now. O, my son, go on in the strength of the Lord and the power of His might! You may expect onsets from Satan, the world, and the flesh; but the more you find yourself assaulted by them, be still more earnest at the Throne of Grace. The Lord's promise stands sure—"They that seek Me early shall find Me." Give not way to discouragements. Your loving father and mother.

John and Rachel M'Clure.

How one can trace in this letter the noble Christian spirit that also characterised the Covenanter ancestors of John and Rachel M'Clure in Scotland. Dr. M'Clure graduated at Yale College in 1776. In 1786 he was installed pastor of East Windsor, Conn., where he died June 25, 1820. He was the author of many works, including a history of East Windsor. He is described as "a small man, well-formed, and with very attractive manners—a man of culture and scholarship."

Richard M'Clure, of the North of Ireland (place not specified) went to America. His son, Robert M'Clure, born also in Ireland, in 1718, accompanied his father there in 1727—rather nice of him, wasn't it and at such a youthful age? Robert M'Clure married Martha Rogers, sister of Lieutenant Rogers, of the Revolutionary War, seventh in descent from "John Rogers, the Martyr"—whoever he was. Someone writes to an American paper over the initials "G.A.T.," asking information about the ancestry of these M'Clures; but I never found out whether "G.A.T." got what he (or she) wanted.

I have also heard of a family of M'Clure coming over to Ireland in the early years of the 18th century, from Scotland, with a Dr. David Dunseath. Their descendants live, if I mistake not, to this day, in the vicinity of Randalstown.

I hope next week to refer at some length to the Rev. Robert M'Clure, minister of Annahilt, 1760 to 1823, to whose great grandson, Professor John Robinson Leebody, M.A., D.Sc., of Magee College, Londonderry, I am indebted for the interesting particulars.

THE M'CLURES IN IRELAND

The Witness. 18/3/04

As promised in my last article on the above subject, I now give, just as I received them from Professor Leebody, some interesting biographical details referring to Rev.

Robert M'Clure, minister of Anahilt, Co. Down, 1760 to 1823, who was the Professor's great-grandfather.

"Mems. from Professor John Robinson Leebody, M.A., D.Sc., Magee College, Londonderry. My great-grandfather, the Rev. Robert M'Clure, was minister of Anahilt from 1760 to 1823. His family resided near Belfast, where they owned some property. From this Mr. M'Clure derived income sufficient to live in easy circumstances. His staff of servants included a butler—not a usual luxury for a Presbyterian minister either then or now. His wife was a daughter of Archdeacon Benson, of Hillsborough, and a grand-daughter of a former Bishop of Down and Connor. Mr. M'Clure was on terms of intimacy with the county gentry, and a great favourite with the Marquis of Downshire, with whom he used to dine every Wednesday at the castle. Many offers of promotion were made to him if he would consent to join the Episcopal Church, but these he resolutely declined. He had a numerous family, but of the history of several of them I have no details. One of his daughters was married to Rev. Dr. Wright, his assistant, and successor. Another to the Rev. Hugh Woods, minister of Bangor; another to Mr. John Robinson, a gentleman farmer near Hillsborough, who was my grandfather, and after whom I am named. Another was married to an English rector, Rev. Mr. Ashe. One of his younger sons, Arthur, was in the army, and I believe attached to the staff of the Duke of Kent. After retiring from the army he resided near Lisburn, and I recollect being in his house when a boy. He used to tell that he had frequently carried our late Queen in his arms when she was a child. Mr. M'Clure was Moderator of the Synod of Ulster in 1779. His sermon at the opening of the Synod was printed and is referred to by Dr. Witherow in the book I have mentioned. Mr. M'Clure is described as a man of distinguished appearance. I have heard my mother say that she remembered seeing him frequently

when she was a little girl, and her recollection of him was a tall white-haired, old gentleman, with an ear trumpet. I may mention an anecdote I have heard of him which illustrates, amongst other things, the difference between the present standard of ministerial propriety and that current a century ago. Near Hillsborough, at a place called The Maze, there is a race-course, once very famous and I believe still of considerable repute. Riding to it one morning during the race week with some of the local gentry, he overheard an altercation between a woman and her son, whom she was endeavouring to persuade to stay away from the races, and the final declaration of the son was 'I will go, there is our minister going.' Mr. M'Clure, merely remarked, "No one will ever say that again," turned his horse round, and in spite of the expostulations of his friends for being so needlessly scrupulous, rode home, and was never seen on the race course again."

Mr. M'Clure was ordained at Anahilt, 29th April, 1760. As Moderator in 1779, he preached from Philippians IV, 15, and at the Synod of 1780 his sermon was from 1 Timothy IV, 16.

Of the M'Clures who have wielded the sword, whether in conflict on land or battles on sea, we have also a few notable instances. Captain Robert M'Clure, a native of Londonderry, born circa. 1770-5, was an officer in the old 89th Foot, and served abroad. He saved the life of a fellow-officer, a General Le Mesurier, a gentleman of considerable property, and a native of Guernsey, who afterwards became guardian to his son. Captain M'Clure, while stationed at Wexford with his regiment in 1807, married Jane, daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Elgee, and died the same year. His son, Robert John Le Mesurier M'Clure, born 1807, after his father's death, was the famous discoverer of the North-West Passage. For this he received a large grant of money, the thanks of Parliament, and a knighthood. He died in 1873.

Another distinguished officer passed away lately in Dublin, in the person of William M'Clure-Miller, formerly of Ochiltree, Ayrshire, at a ripe old age. On his retirement from the service he was appointed Governor of H.M. Prison at Arbour Hill, Dublin. He served in a regiment of the Lancers, and passed through no less than twenty-eight engagements on the foreign field, many of them being the most important and decisive in our history of recent times. Like those of his name in general, he was long-lived, and his death, though he had passed even the fourscore limit, was hastened by an accident. Through all these numerous battle he passed, wonderful to relate, without a wound. Paternally a M'Clure, on succeeding to some property, he was obliged to assume the second name of Miller. To his son and namesake, who is one of the clerks in H.M. Prisons Board, Dublin Castle, as well as to a long and descriptive memoir appearing in the Dublin papers at the time of his decease, I am indebted for these interesting particulars.

In an American biography I find an interesting account of one John M'Clure, who, in the end of the 18th century, served as an officer in an American regiment, and of whom an American general afterwards wrote, that "He was the bravest man I have ever met." The parents of this John M'Clure were natives of Londonderry.

I also find records of a tombstone erected at Findrum, Co. Donegal, by "Andrew M'Clure, Surgeon, R.N., to the memory of his ancestors, whose remains lie deposited in the vault beneath, and who for upwards of two hundred years have resided at Findrum." This tombstone has also inscribed upon it the coat-of-arms, crest, and motto of the M'Clures.

In my next, and probably (pro-temp.) my last, article on this subject, I propose to deal with the armorial bearings in use in the family, and also to make any remarks I may find necessary after running over what I have already written.

CHAPTER TWO

The McClure Clan

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

By MABEL B. McCLURE

THERE are various spellings of the name: McClure, McCluer, McClewer, Maclure, MacLewer, McLure and McLuir. The origin of the name McCLURE has frequently been discussed in the genealogical literature of Great Britain. These are a few of the theories that have been advanced:

1. That it is a derivation of the Gaelic MacLeabhair, pronounced, McLour and means "Son of the Book". e.g. they were teachers in the Clan MacLeod, just as the McRimmions were the Clan Pipers. Several Gaelic scholars deny this derivation of the name, though they admit the ancient tradition of the McClure tutorship.

2. That the name is identical with MacLir or McLur, the Sea God of Ireland or the Isle of Man.

3. That the McClures were originally a Manx Family, the first legendary king being a Manannan McClure. This tradition is adhered to by the McClures of Manchester, England, to which family belong the late Sir John W. McClure, M.P., and the Very Rev. Edward C. McClure, D.D., Dean of Manchester. It is also held by Sir Edward Stanley McClure.

4. That the name originated in the ancient sport of falconry, in which Lure was used to recall the falcon. A soldier from the ancient town of LURE in Normandy crossed the Channel with William the Conqueror. He was rewarded for his services by a grant of land in the Island of SKYE and was known as DeLure, Mac being later

substituted for DE to harmonize with the Gaelic custom.

5. The theory of Rev. J. Campbell McClure, minister of Maykirk, Kincardinshire, Scotland, is that the McClures are a sept of the Clan McLeod; he states that the family tradition handed down to him through a long line of ancestors is "In early times, a Sept of the MacLeods left the Island of Skye for Ulster where the north Irish slurred the "d" of McLuide as it was then pronounced into "r" hence McLure. Late rmany of the name passed over from the Northeast of Ireland to Galloway, thus to Wigonshire and so on to Ayrshire. These districts today contain many McClures.

It is certain that McClures are in some way connected with the Clan McLeod, evidenced by the fact that the oldest traditions of the family in Scotland take them back to the Island Skye; the traditions of Skye link together the McClures and the McLeods. McClures have always had the same motto, the same crest and tartan as the McLeods, and their right to have them has never been questioned. McClure history then properly begins with the McLeods.

Some authorities aver that they are of Irish descent; that they held mainland estates under the crown as early as 1340 and the island estates at the same time under the Lords of the Isles. When the final forfeiture of the Lords of the Isles took place at the end of the 15th century, the MacLeods got charters of their Island estates from the Crown.

THE McCLURES IN HISTORY

The McClure name is conspicuous in Scottish history. They occupied the post of honor at the battle of Harlaw, 1411; they were at the battle of Bloody Bay, 1485; they took part in the negotiations to transfer the allegiance of the Highland Chiefs from the Scottish to the English King and signed the commission under which these negotiations were carried on. They took part in the battle of Worcester, 1661, led by Sir Norman McLeod of Bernera, where they

lost 700 men. Treated by Charles II with the grossest ingratitude they took no part in the subsequent Stuart uprising though there is a letter extant from James II, dated Dublin, 1690 imploring McLeod to join Dundee.

It is said that the name MAKLURE occurs in Scotland as early as the 12th century. It is claimed by some that the original home of the McClures in Scotland was in the southwest probably in Galloway. Ayrshire was also full of McClures.

In Munsey's Magazine, February, 1911, in an article on Robert Burns, illustrated with a photograph of an old Allowar Kirkyard, the name of George McClure appears on one of the stones. Many of the family are buried there.

TWO McCLURE FAMILY CRESTS

1. An eagle's head, erased, proper.
2. A domed tower, on top a flag, all proper.

McCLURE COAT OF ARMS

Argent, on a chevron engrailed azure, in chief two roses, and in a base a quatre-foil, gules, a martlet between two escallopes of the first:

McCLURE MOTTOES:

1. Partus Sum;
 2. Manu Forti
- (See Burke's 'Landed Gentry'.)

McCLURES IN IRELAND

When and why did the members of the family emigrate to Ireland from Scotland? There are two answers to this question:

1. IN THE PLANTING OF ULSTER

Following the accession of James VI to the throne of England in 1603, the Earls of Tyrone and Tyrconnel inaugurated a general rebellion against the king. The effort failed and the result was a forfeiture to the crown of 511,465 acres of land. James sought to settle these lands upon Protestant populations. Grants of lands and numer-

ous privileges were held out as inducements. Thousands availed themselves of the advantageous offer and settled with their families upon these forfeited estates. Among these emigrants were three McClures from Ayrshire, Scotland, who crossed over the channel to Ireland in 1608.

One settled in Saintfield, County Down. In this branch of the family the name Anthony frequently occurs. The most distinguished of the McClures of Down was Rev. Robert McClure for 63 years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Annahilt, ordained and installed on April 20, 1760. He had a large family.

Minutes of the Presbyteries and Synod of Ulster gave some interesting information: In the minutes of Laggan Presbytery, 1672-1700 are found the following names:

Richard McClure, Elder from Donoughmore, 1679.

John McClure, Elder from Raphoe, now Convoy.

Richard McClure, Elder from Raphoe, now Convoy, 1693.

John McClure, Elder from Burt near Derry, 1698.

In the records of General Synod these names occur frequently:

James McClure, Armagh, Presbytery 1705, 12, 15.

John McClure, Belfast Presbytery, 1723.

Thomas McLewer, Templepatrick Presbytery, 1738.

William McLewer, Templepatrick Presbytery, 1740.

2. The second distinct emigration from Scotland to Ireland was from 1661-1688. The last two Stuarts Acts of Oppression were so severe and so continued that to escape, many sought a refuge with their countrymen, who had colonized Ireland in peaceful times.

There they found a hearty welcome and for a little while freedom from oppression that made exiles.

Records of those times show that there was a Captain Robert McClure born in Londonderry about 1775 an officer in the old 899th Foot and served abroad. He married Jane, daughter of Archdeacon Elgee, while sta-

tioned at Wexford with his regiment. His son, Sir Robert John Le Mesurier McClure, 1807, 1873, was discoverer of the Northwest Passage for which he received a large sum of money, knighthood and thanks of Parliament. Since both of his names are repeated so frequently in our family he may be of same family.

McCLURES LEAVE IRELAND FOR AMERICA

The period of the Covenanter Persecution in Scotland was one of comparative quiet in England, but persecution came under James II. Later in the reign of Anne, 1702-1714 under the Test Act they were made exceedingly uncomfortable. Unless they conformed in worship they could not hold public office, nor be married by their own ministers, nor bury their own dead by their own simple rites, build churches, buy land nor employ teachers except those of the established faith. Thus deprived by oppressive laws of every position of trust and honor, denied the liberty of speech, freedom and exercise of conscience, together with burdensome restraints on their commerce and extortionate rents from the landlord, they began to look toward America as another and better home.

In two years following the Antrim Evictions 30,000 protestants left Ulster for a land where there was no legal robbery. In 1750 it was estimated 12,000 came from Ulster to America. These Scotch Irish were admirably suited to build up a new country. Some of them were scholars. Many were pioneers in American Revolution.

"People who never look backward to their ancestors will never look forward to Posterity." May each generation of McClures revere the heritage bought by the blood of their ancestors.

Much of this information was taken from a History of the McClure Family written by Rev. James Alexander McClure, of Petersburg, Virginia in 1914.

EXCERPTS FROM "THE HISTORY OF NEWTON, LAWRENCE BARRY AND McDONALD COUNTIES, MISSOURI"

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Thomas J. McClure, Sr., a farmer living four miles south of Cassville, Barry County, Mo., was born in East Tennessee in 1834, and is a son of John and Margaret (Kennedy) McClure. John McClure was a native of America, but his father came from Ireland. John McClure and wife were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are:

Daniel K., deceased.

Ewing, deceased.

Allen, deceased.

William, who resides near Washburn, Barry County.

Rebecca, who lives in Washington, County Ark.

John, deceased.

George, who resides in Washington, County Ark.

Polly Ann, deceased.

Thomas J., who was taken by relatives to Washington County, Ark., when he was about eight months old, and remained there about two years. Since then his home has been in Barry County, Mo. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a member of Company C, 8th Missouri Regiment, and was in the service until 1864. He participated in the skirmishes at Fayetteville, Ark., and in the battle of Helena, and after the war was returned home. He has been twice married. His first wife, Isabel Roland, died in 1865, leaving three children, all of whom are living, viz.: Finis Lafayette, Cordelia P. (Mrs. Theophilus D. Pitts) and Thomas E.

In 1866 Mr. McClure married his first wife's sister, Mrs. America Martin, widow of Thomas J. Martin, and to them were born four children, all of whom are living:

John P., Ewing K., Francis E. and Mary Ann.

Mr. McClure has been a life-long democrat, having cast

his first presidential vote for Buchanan. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. His farm of 175 acres is beautifully situated, and is in a high state of cultivation.

WILLIAM McCLURE, one of the leading citizens of Barry County, Mo., was born in Greene County, Tennessee, Oct. 8, 1819, and is a son of John and Margaret (Kennedy) McClure. JOHN McCLURE was born near Baltimore, Md., in 1790, just three months after his parents arrived from Ireland. Shortly after his birth his father removed to Virginia, locating near Lynchburg. Soon after he removed to Washington County, Tenn., and settled on a farm, where John McClure grew to manhood. The latter was married in 1811, and located in Greenville, taking charge of the iron works belonging to the estate of his father-in-law, Daniel Kennedy. After a few years he removed to Rhea County and settled on a farm, which he cultivated for a number of years. In 1835 he sold his property in Rhea County and started for Barry County, Mo., but while on his way died at Louisburgh, Ark., of cholera. His widow, who was born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1793, came to Barry County, settling on the farm now owned by her son, William McClure. She was the mother of thirteen children, four of whom, George, William, Rebecca and Thomas, are living. She was a woman of good business qualities and with the help of her older sons succeeded in making a good comfortable home and in educating the younger children. She died in December, 1854, at the home of her son, John. WILLIAM remained in Arkansas until 1840, when he came to Barry County and resided with his mother, assisting in the improvement of the farm until 1846, when he married and located in Washburn, engaging in the mercantile business in partnership with J. T. Keet. In 1847 they opened a branch store in Cassville, and Mr. McClure took charge of

it. In 1850 he sold his interest to his partner, and engaged in business in his own name at Washburn, continuing until 1860, when he was elected sheriff of the county. At the beginning of the Civil War he was engaged in buying and driving horses to Louisiana but was compelled to abandon the business at a heavy loss. In 1861 he and J. T. Keet purchased the Roaring River grist-mill which was destroyed during the war. In 1866 he, J. M. Durham and W. E. Trim rebuilt it, and in 1869 Mr. McClure rented his farm and removed to Roaring River and assisted in operating the mill until 1880, when he returned to his farm. He has been twice married. In 1846 he married SARAH P. TENNANT, who was born in Hempstead County, Ark. She died July 26, 1860, having born three children, one of whom now is living:

REV. WALTER T. McCLURE, of the Southwest Missouri Conference. In July, 1861, our subject married ZARILDA J. GAY, a daughter of Daniel Gay, and to them have been born six children:

Rebecca A., wife of Dr. S. W. Chandler.

Alice E., wife of J. W. George.

William D.

John C.

Guy W.

George W.

All worship at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. McClure is a charter member of Barry County Lodge No. 367, A.F. & A.M., at Washburn.

GEORGE WASHINGTON McCLURE'S OBITUARY

George Washington McClure was born December 22, 1827 and died March 9, 1907; he was 79 years old, 2 months and 17 days. He came to Evansville, Ark., in 1851 and lived there until the time of his death. He served in the Confederate Army under Gen. Stand Watie.

He married Sarah Ward March 2, 1856. His wife died soon after the Civil War and left two small daughters,

Sarah Ruth and Alice Lee, Alice being a baby. He raised his daughters without a mother and made a success. Both daughters are members of the church. Ruth married Sam Starr and Alice, Mr. Sam West. His children and grandchildren were a great comfort to him in his old age.

GENEALOGY OF THE S.W. MISSOURI BRANCH McCLURE CLAN

JOHN McCLURE was born in Scotland and emigrated to Ireland during a religious uprising in Scotland. In a Genealogy of the McClure family, there is a record of a MARTIN McCLURE, who lived in Balmaghil in Kirkcudbrightshire about 1750; he is buried there. He had five sons: 1, William; 2, John; 3, David; 4, Robert; 5, Andrew, all of whom came south. While the fact has not been definitely established, this Martin McClure is in all probability the father of our John McClure. The names of his brothers are the same names given his sons. Brigadier Douglas Charles McClure of Balmaghil, Staplehurst, Kent, England, is a great, great grandson of Martin.

John McClure married Rebecca Ewing, born in Ireland and in 1790 they emigrated to America. Their children's names are:

1. James (Jim).
2. William (Billie).
3. Robert (Bob).
4. John Ewing-1790.
5. Nancy.
6. Mary (Polly).

On their arrival in America, they first settled near Baltimore, Maryland. Later they went to Virginia, settling near Lynchburg. From there they went to Washington County, Tennessee and located near Doakes College.

JOHN EWING McCLURE, 1790-1835; was born in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland, three months after his parents arrived in this country from Ireland. Shortly after

his birth, his parents moved to Lynchburg, Va., where they lived until John grew to manhood.

In 1811, John married MARGARET ANN KENNEDY and located in Greenville, Tennessee, where he took charge of the Iron Works of his father-in-law, Daniel Kennedy. After a few years, he moved to Rhea County, Tennessee, and settled on a farm which he cultivated for many years. In 1835, he sold this farm, planning to move to Barry County, Missouri. He went down the Tennessee River and the Mississippi, to Louisburg, Arkansas, where his family and party were stricken with cholera. He died there, age 45.

His wife, Margaret K. McClure, completed the journey to Barry County, Missouri, and with the help of the older sons, she made a comfortable home for her children and educated them. She was a woman of unusual business ability.

Margaret Kennedy was born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1793. She died in Barry County, Mo., Dec., 1854, at the home of her son, John.

She is buried in cemetery at Washburn, Mo.

Margaret Kennedy was the daughter of Daniel Kennedy.

The father, Daniel Kennedy, was killed at the Iron Works which he owned, a hammer falling on him and crushing him. The Kennedy Iron Works were located on the banks of the Chuckey River, in Greene County, Tennessee. Daniel Kennedy was born in 1744 in North Carolina; died 1802 in Tenn.; he married Margaret Hughes (1752-1800).

The Kennedy children's names were:

1. John Kennedy, married Patience Davis.
2. Tom Kennedy, married Esther Penny.
3. William Kennedy.
4. Daniel Kennedy.
5. Allen Kennedy.

6. George Kennedy.
7. Sarah Kennedy, married Stephen Alexander.
8. Bettie Kennedy, married James Bailey.
9. Margaret Ann Kennedy (Polly), married John E. McClure.

*(This information was given by
John Charles McClure, Oklahoma City)*

John Ewing McClure and Margaret Ann Kennedy were the parents of 13 children, only nine of whom survived. Their names were:

1. Daniel Kennedy McClure.
2. Ewing McClure.
3. Allen McClure.
4. William McClure.
5. Rebecca McClure.
6. John McClure.
7. George Washington McClure.
8. Thomas Jefferson McClure.
9. Pollyanna McClure.

A. DANIEL KENNEDY MCCLURE, born in Virginia August 21, 1812; died June 5, 1876, in Missouri, married Abbie Hamilton (widow Henderson); by her first husband she had two sons: Robert and Charles Henderson; by her second marriage, one daughter, Margaret McClure, who married James Davidson and went west to live in 1876; also had three sons who died in early childhood.

B. EWING MCCLURE, banker, Cane Hill, Arkansas; born in Virginia October 19, 1815; died in Cane Hill, Ark., August 17, 1885; married Elizabeth McClellan; no children.

C. ALLEN MCCLURE; born in Tennessee April 4, 1817; died February 6, 1874; unmarried.

D. WILLIAM MCCLURE, 1819-1896; fourth son of John Ewing and Margaret McClure; was born in Greene County, Tennessee, Oct. 8, 1819. He came with his

father on his ill-fated trip to Louisburg, Arkansas and remained there for five years. In 1840, he joined his mother on her farm near Washburn. There he lived until January, 1846, when he married Sara Paulina Tennant and moved to Washburn, engaging in the mercantile business. In 1847, he opened a branch store at Cassville, Missouri, with T. J. Keet, of Springfield, Mo., as his partner. In 1850, he sold out to his partner. At the beginning of the Civil War, he was engaged in buying and selling horses, driving them to the state of Louisiana for sale. In 1861, he purchased the mill at Roaring River with J. M. Durham and W. E. Trim. They operated the mill until 1880, when he sold out and returned to his farm near Washburn, Mo., and lived there until his death which occurred February 6, 1895. He, his wives, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. George are buried in the Washburn Cemetery.

First Wife: SARAH PAULINA TENNANT, daughter of Rev. T. H. Tennant and Christeen Hacker Tennant; born January 5, 1826; died July 26, 1860; married January 1, 1846; three children.

1. EDNA BYRON; born 1846; died October 5, 1885; married Anderson Salmon, November 16, 1870; four children: 1, Effie Paulina, born November 6, 1872; 2, Walter Audley, born August 13, 1875, died November 22, 1881; 3, John McClure, Engineer and Bridge Builder, L. & N.R.R., Louisville, Ky., born June 3, 1878; married Elizabeth Woods, November, 1902; two sons, John McClure and Gordon; 4, Ina, born January 1, 1880; married Joshua Reeves, Shawnee, Okla., June 5, 1907; three children: Helen; Francis Raymond, and William Salmon, died July 12, 1926.

2. REV. WALTER TENNANT MCCLURE; born December 9, 1856, Washburn, Mo.; died September 17, 1932, Blue Springs, Mo.; buried in Lexington, Mo. Fifty years a minister in the Methodist Episcopal

Church, South. Built St. Paul's Church in Springfield, Mo. Centenary, Nevada, Mo.; Remodeled Westport Church in Kansas City, Mo. Served important charges in Kansas City district for 25 years.

Twice married—First wife: Ophelia Abernathy; born August 24, 1858; died January 21, 1887; married August 26, 1878; four daughters: 1, Mabel Byron, librarian, born December 28, 1880; 2, Ethel Jane, born June 15, 1882, died June 27, 1904, buried Lexington, Mo.; 3, Maud Mira, born November 27, 1885, married Harry Snare, June 13, 1914, Gretna, Neb.; 4, Edna Ophelia, born January 15, 1887, died in infancy.

Second wife: Ella Medora Cottey, born February 12, 1860, Knox County, Mo.; married October 17, 1889 in Nevada, Mo.; three daughters: Anna Kate, born August 5, 1890; died August 14, 1897; Elizabeth Paulina, born November 29, 1891; A.B., Univ. Missouri; A.M., Univ. Colorado; married Rev. Arthur M. Campbell, October 12, 1918; he was born in St. Louis, Mo., July 31, 1891; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 12, 1922. He was a Presbyterian minister. Buried in St. Louis, Mo., two sons: Walter McClure Campbell, born October 20, 1920, Sedalia, Mo.; Arthur Morrow Campbell, born April 4, 1922, Lexington, Mo.; Virginia Alice, born May 17, 1898, Independence, Mo. A.B., Univ. Missouri; A.M., Univ. Colorado; Phi Mu Sorority; P.E.O.; A.A.U.W.; head of Latin department, East High School, Kansas City, Mo.

3. LAFAYETTE; born July, 1860, died in infancy.

William McClure's second wife: JANE GAY; born February 12, 1840; died November 24, 1919; married July 18, 1861; daughter of Daniel Gay and Jane Miller Gay, born February 22, 1800, died February 18, 1865; buried in Confederate Cemetery in Springfield, Mo.; Daniel Gay went to California in 1857 and never returned; six children.

1. REBECCA McCLURE CHANDLER; born July 6, 1862, Washburn, Mo.; died Feb. 14, 1926, Cassville, Mo.; married Dr. Samuel Wilson Chandler, M.D., Dec. 29, 1885; (He was born July 18, 1858); four children. 1, Charles Chandler, Banker, Cassville, Mo.; A.B. Drury College; F.A. fraternity; born March 13, 1887; married Ella Griffin, Oct. 11, 1911; two children; 1, Charles C., Jr.; 2, Frances; 2, Nadine, died in infancy; 3, Lois Chandler; born June 20, 1894; married George Griffin, January 27, 1916; one son, Chandler, live in Seattle, Wash.; Joe, died in infancy.

2. ALICE McCLURE GEORGE; born July 30, 1864, Barry County, Mo.; died November 1904, Cassville, Mo.; married James W. George, Lawyer; three children: 1, Larry, Engineer, Kansas City, Mo.; born Aug. 28, 1887; 2, Florence Jane, stenographer; born November 26, 1894; 3, Mary'O; born Nov. 10, 1903; married Morris Funk, Oct. 6, 1929.

3. WILLIAM DURHAM, Druggist, Tulsa, Claremore, Okla.; born August 23, 1867, Barry County, Mo.; married Sallie Bryan, June 2, 1897, Cassville, Mo.; born July 3, 1870; died July 25, 1925; no children.

4. JOHN CHARLES McCLURE, Banker, Lawton, Okla.; born December 18, 1869, Barry County, Mo., Roaring River; married Dec. 14, 1892, Rosa Adcock, born April 5, 1876; four children: 1, William Lionel, Surgeon, Boston, Mass.; born August 3, 1893. Killed in automobile accident, Boston, March 10, 1930; A.B. Drury College, Springfield, Mo.; A.M. Illinois University; M.D. Harvard University, 1921; unmarried. Buried in Maple Park Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.; 2, Mira McClure Weller; born June 28, 1896; married F. E. Weller, Banker, Lawton, Okla., Nov. 9, 1930; 3, Marjorie McClure Demuth; born Sept. 19, 1900; married Capt. Henry Demuth, U.S.A., July 13, 1925; 4, Charles (Bill); A.B., Oklahoma University; K.A.;

born September 12, 1909, Harrison, Arkansas. Medical student Oklahoma University, 1932.

5. GUY WRIGHT MCCLURE, Pharmacist. Salesman for Meyer Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis. Oil Business, Tulsa, Okla.; Insurance Business, Springfield, Missouri; born December 28, 1872 in Barry County, Mo., at Roaring River; died March 13, 1932 in Springfield, Mo.; buried in Mapel Park Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.; married Lucy Black, December 19, 1894 in Cassville, Mo. (she was born May 22, 1875); two children: Alleene, born Sept. 25, 1895; A.B., Drury College, 1918; Pi Phi; married John Windsor Bates, December 10, 1918; born October 6, 1886; one daughter, Mary Louise, born March 6, 1927; William Wilson; Oil Business, Tulsa, Okla.; born July 18, 1898; married Sara Hickerson Murry, October 20, 1925; born August 4, 1902.

6. GEORGE WHITE MCCLURE, M.D., Rush Medical College, Chicago. Surgeon, practised in Joplin, Webb City, Carterville, Mo. Head of Springfield, Mo. Hospital. Born in 1877, Barry County, Mo., Roaring River; died February 17, 1913; buried in Maple Park Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.; married Callie Boozier; one son, Paul White, born August, 1906, is a musician and lives in Berkeley, California.

E. REBECCA MCCLURE; born December 15, 1821 in Tennessee; unmarried; died and buried in Evansville, Ark., October 16, 1899.

F. JOHN MCCLURE; born December 22, 1824, in Tennessee; unmarried; died in Barry County, Mo., December 10, 1858.

G. GEORGE WASHINGTON MCCLURE, merchant in Evansville, Ark., from 1851-1907; born in Tennessee, December 22, 1827; died in Evansville, Ark., on March 9, 1907; he served in the Confederate Army under General Stand Watie; married Sarah A. Ward, March 2, 1856; born March 19, 1838, in Cherokee Nation; died

February 25, 1866 in Arkansas; three daughters: 1, Margaret McClure, born Nov. 20, 1856; died March 17, 1857; 2, Sarah Ruth: born Feb. 9, 1861; married Sam Starr, Stillwater, Okla., September 2, 1883; four children: George E. Starr, born May 9, 1884; married Oma Briggs (born Nov. 28, 1887), January 7, 1906; four children: Lucile, born April 2, 1909; Reba, born November 17, 1912; Rep, born September 13, 1915; Kahleetah, born April 29, 1919; Martin C. Starr, born December 26, 1885; married Lottie McBrien (born Jan. 20, 1885), April 3, 1910; four children: Juanita, born July 23, 1911; Sam Dick, born June 13, 1914; Denton McClure, born January 28, 1924; Colbert Jr., born June 17, 1926; Lenora, born September 1, 1892; died August 29, 1896; Samuel J. Starr Jr., born January 25, 1896, married Mattie Brown (born Sept. 12, 1900) on January 8, 1922; one son, Jack, born April 17, 1924; 3, Alice Lee, born November 1, 1865; died March 20, 1930; married Sam West, October 16, 1889; four children; married Clarence Blakemore (born Aug. 27, 1887), December 29, 1912; 1, Kinney West; born Aug. 3, 1890; died June 4, 1918; two children: McClure, born March 10, 1914; Sammie, born June 1, 1917; 2, James West, born July 30, 1892; married Maud Bacon (born June 18, 1892), October 16, 1910; four children: Edgar, born July 18, 1911; married Lillian Worley (born July 15, 1911), October 16, 1932; Kinney, born September 2, 1914; Vera, born June 25, 1918; John, born January 18, 1920; 3, August West, born August 28, 1894; married Buna McCaleb (born Dec. 7, 1898); four children: Welford, born October 12, 1917; Datha, born February 3, 1923; Bobby, born January 24, 1926; Curtis, born October 28, 1931; 4, Ella R., born September 1, 1897; died January 5, 1901.

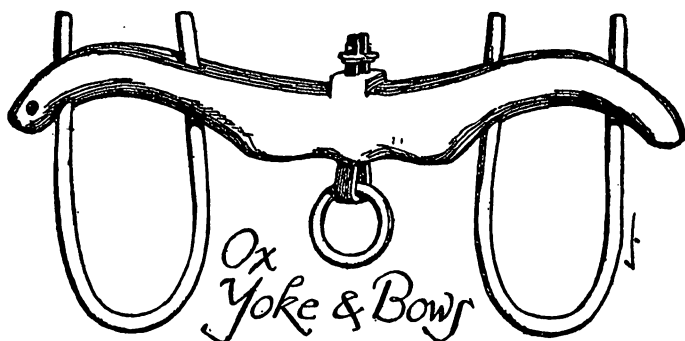
H. THOMAS JEFFERSON MCCLURE, Farmer, Exeter, Mo.; born in Tennessee May 28, 1834; died in

Exeter, Mo., January 22, 1916; he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862, Company S, Eighth Missouri Regiment and was in the service until 1864. He participated in the skirmishes at Fayetteville, Arkansas and the battle of Helena. He was twice married.

First Wife: ISABELLA ROWLAND, died about 1866; three children: Finis L., bachelor; Cordelia Paulina (Dollie), born March 11, 1861; died January 22, 1921; married Denton Pitts, Monett, Mo., six children; Thomas Emmett, born September 20, 1864; died September 8, 1925; married Lela Abernathy; one daughter, Nora, married Wear Lee.

Second Wife: AMERICA ROWLAND, born November 2, 1833; died March 5, 1915; married about 1867. She was the widow of Thomas Martin by whom she had no children. Sister of first wife; four children: John P., Frisco Agent, Purdy, Mo.; born January 26, 1868; married Mrs. Minnie Mosby, July 11, 1917. She died Nov. 25, 1925; no children; Ewing, bachelor; Ernest, bachelor; Anna, married Col. Arnold, Exeter, Mo., one child, Lois.

I. POLLYANNA McCLURE, born March 28, 1830; died July 23, 1858; killed by a fall from a horse.



CHAPTER THREE

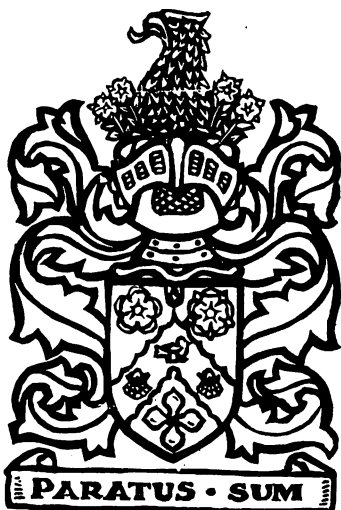
*History of the McClure Reunion
and Circumstances Leading Thereto.*

By WILLIAM GARFIELD McCLURE

JANEY McCLURE, eldest daughter of Paddie's Jim McClure, married James C. Young, and at a period in their married life bought a farm in Grey County. It was arranged by a number of cousins of Janey's that they visit them as a group, which they did, to the number of about twenty. It occurred to them to organize a McClure Reunion, but on arriving home found that it was not satisfactory. Later, in January, 1922, while Jos. B. McClure, Wm. J. McClure, Arnott McClure and the writer were on their way home from an Orange Lodge meeting at Huttonville, the four of them discussed the possibilities of organizing a grand re-union. This discussion took place at Springbrook, corner Queen Street and Third Line West, while we four were sitting in two old-fashioned horse-drawn buggies.

Joseph B. McClure (who was known as Paddie's Joe) invited us to meet at his home later in 1922, and bring along the members of our respective families, which we did. Wm. G. McClure was elected president. A number of interesting meetings were held later, and enthusiasm grew. The time and labour spent was a pleasure. The memory of our ancestors stimulated us all to spare nothing in order that we might have the privilege of honoring the memory of those who had pioneered in this new country to establish us in the many homes we now enjoy.

We remember with gratitude the family unity, the co-operation, the liberality, the spirit of oneness which prevailed to culminate in a Grand Reunion on June 15,



THE McCLURE COAT OF ARMS

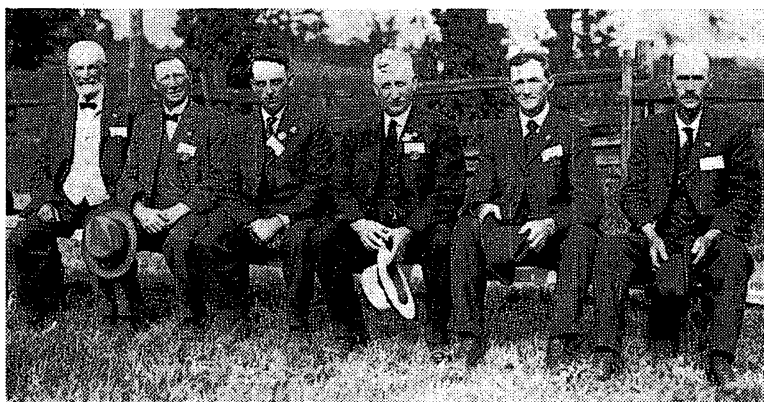
From Burke's Peerage



SCENE OF FIRST MCCLURE CLAN REUNION

The farm residence in Toronto Township (near Churhville) where the first McClure Clan Reunion was held in 1922. It was on this site that James McClure became the first McClure descendant to settle in Peel County in 1820.

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ORGANIZERS OF FIRST MCCLURE CLAN REUNION

Pictured above are the six members of the Executive which organized the first reunion on June 15th, 1922. Reading from left to right they are: Andrew McClure, 3rd Vice President; David L. McClure, 2nd Vice President; Wm. Garfield McClure, President; Darius McClure, 1st Vice President; Samuel McClure, Secretary; David J. McClure, Treasurer.

1922, which was held at the farm which was the first farm occupied by McClures in Peel County, Province of Ontario, known as Lower Jimmie's—James McClure's, near Churchville, Third Line West, lot No. 12, in Toronto Township. (*For pictures see insert plate page opposite.*)

That reunion was a huge success, 600 being present. It started on the morning of June 15, 1922, and continued to the morning of June 16, 1922, and is still remembered by many at this date.

It was then decided to hold such a reunion every five years, which we did. The second reunion was held on July 15, 1927 under the presidency of Mr. Darius McClure who was a grandson of Samuel McClure, who died in Ireland. This reunion was held in Huttonville Park and through the president's efforts, many new members were present. A grand pageant was arranged to entertain us, and to bring before our eyes the methods used to till the soil and the household science of that day. It is noted in the minutes that our worthy president, with his pleasant smile, mingled among the company making everyone happy, of course. It finished with a real old-time dance. Music and management being supplied by members of the Clan.

At a meeting held later on, November 16, 1927, at the home of David L. McClure, in Brampton, with the president, Darius McClure in the chair, it was duly moved and seconded to arrange for a Genealogy of the Clan, which was postponed for a time owing to difficulty in getting family histories. Mr. Thos. A. McClure, Brampton, had accumulated a great deal of valuable information on our Clan History and our assistance to him was most valuable.

1932 brought our second period of five years, when David L. McClure (known as Paddie's Dave) who was then our president, arranged with the assistance of his committee for our third reunion, which was also held at

Huttonville Park. The entertainment consisted of comedy by the Kansas Farmer. Alex Watt and Fred Snell provided music for about 400 members of the Clan who attended. I should have mentioned that Samuel James McClure was secretary for our first two reunions and was succeeded by S. J. T. McClure for our next two reunions, to both of whom we are very grateful for their valuable assistance. At this reunion it was considered too long to wait for five years so it was decided to hold our reunions every three years.

This brought our next reunion in 1935 and it was held at Evergreen Lodge, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. McClure. Mr. Samuel McClure, of Woodbridge, was president. He is a grandson of Andrew McClure, a pioneer who settled near Woodbridge, Ontario, who emigrated from County Down, Ireland. Our president was very fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. F. C. Shipp, of Hornby, who arranged for a pageant depicting the experiences of the early pioneers in this country. She chose her cast from members of this Clan. Many a delightful evening was spent in preparation. The reunion was held on June 3, 1935 and was a great success, with Woodbridge Sam at the helm.

At this reunion members were still coming from greater distances. In attendance was Mr. Chester McClure, M.P., from Prince Edward Island, and from the other end of Canada we had Mrs. Mabel McClure and her daughter from B.C. Many cousins from U.S.A. were there also. Miss May Rutherford McClure, daughter of George McClure of the First Line West, Chinguacousy, wrote a very fine report of this reunion which follows as the next chapter in this volume.

The McClure Clan held their fifth reunion also at Evergreen Lodge Farm (which was formerly Park View), the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. McClure. There were 450 present. Thos. A. McClure, of Brampton, was presi-

dent and gave freely of his time and talent as usual. It was interesting to see Tom demonstrate such enthusiasm and receive his guests with a two-handed welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Shipp, of Hornby had charge of the pageant on this occasion also. Members of the Clan making up the cast. It was a wonderful day, weather perfect. The pageant was greatly appreciated and it lasted for ten minutes less than three hours. Music for the Barn Dance was supplied by Alex Watt, Fred Snell, Clarence Dolson and Garfield Cook. John Porter, of Snelgrove, was floor manager. Piper Hepburn piped for us afternoon and evening. The happy group dispersing at two o'clock, June 4.

Some time before this reunion we attended a reunion of the McKeesport McClures south of Pittsburgh, and met a grand lot of people, many of whom attended this gathering and some of them are hoping to come over again. This move on our part really did make our gathering an international affair. The McClure Clan held their sixth reunion at Bolton Fresh Air Camp, Bolton, Ont. These beautiful grounds with a variety of scenic attractions and plenty of buildings provided shelter and the necessary conveniences for lunch. Mr. Lawson McClure, of Toronto, had charge, and in the capacity of president, filled every requirement; he makes a good Master of Ceremonies. Three hundred members attended. The dinner was served by the Bolton Fresh Air Camp officials in Rotary Hall. Many friends were with us from various parts of Canada and the United States. Mr. Andrew Thos. McClure, 84 years of age, from Reynoldsville, replied to the address of welcome. Frank McClure, of Bunola, Pa., also spoke. It was the last visit of both of these brethren.

Mr. Wm. J. McClure, the president-elect introduced himself, referring to our long ancestral line of McClures. His remarks were most interesting. John Gordimine, the magician, and a dancing expert, provided entertainment. Cameron McClure, of Woodbridge, with his orchestra,

provided music for dancing which continued until 12 o'clock.

On account of the second World War our reunion was postponed to 1946, and on Saturday, June 1, we held our seventh reunion at Miles Park Farm, at Erindale near Streetsville, Ont. Wm. James McClure, our president, had charge and delivered the address of welcome. Dr. Charles Rankin, of McKeesport, Pa.; Mr. Herb. McClure, of Kimberly, B.C., and Mr. Arthur McClure, of Reynolds-ville, Pa., replied to the address of welcome.

The Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band in their colorful costumes provided music, afternoon and evening. Betty McClure and Isobel Archdeacon also entertained. Donald McClure's orchestra, with Sam McClure, of Woodbridge, as manager, supplied the music for the dance. There were three hundred and fifty present. With the singing of Auld Lang Syne another happy reunion was brought to a close.

On July 5, 1949, the McClure Clan held their eighth reunion at Miles Park Farm, Erindale, Ont. For our reunion we had excellent weather, and one of the best reunions ever. Mr. Wilfred McClure, of Toronto, was president, and conducted all the activity in his usual happy and pleasing manner. He makes an excellent toast-master, seeing that there were no air pockets in the program. Two pipers provided the music, afternoon and evening. Lunch baskets were delivered by the ladies. Catering was provided by the Brampton West Institute. There were 300 present. Donald McClure and his orchestra supplied music, while Sam McClure, of Woodbridge, had charge of dancing orders.

CHAPTER FOUR

The McClure Reunion
June 3rd, 1935

BY THE LATE MISS MAY RUTHERFORD McCLURE

THREATENING clouds rather caused consternation among many who belong to the McClure Clan on June 3, 1935.

It being their one hundred and fifteenth anniversary and fourth reunion, all roads for them—five hundred strong—led to Parkview Farm, Lot 9, west half of concession two, Chinguacousy West, which is the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. William Garfield McClure.

As we drove out from Toronto in a lovely 1935 Ford Eight, with Kathleen McClure, our car hostess, at the wheel and her father (D.J.), Edna McCulloch, father and myself in the car, we watched the floating clouds which really were very kind in scattering as we drove along and very little rain fell. The country was very beautiful with lilacs of different hues in bloom.

Driving west of Brampton on No. 5 sideroad, we came to the Second Line corner, where a McClure sign on a post with an arrow pointed us north. Following this we soon came in sight of Parkview Farm and barn with a Union Jack floating above it. After carefully crossing the C.N.R. we entered the lane bordered with evergreens and shrubs, passing under two banners entitled—

“WELCOME HOME”

and

“1820 - McCLURE CLAN REUNION - 1935”

On arrival we were greeted by Thomas A. McClure, first vice-president, and his son Gordon, who is quite a

young man now, piloted us to the parking field on the south side of the barn. There, Tom McClure, of Erin, directed parking operations. Gordon McClure relieved us of our lunch boxes and took them into the barn, where women helpers had been engaged to unpack the lunch and set the tables.

We proceeded to the registration bureau. This was a table covered with an attractive plaid cloth, situated in front and south side of the house, beneath a large overhanging evergreen tree. We signed our names and received our identification tags. Then for an hour or so we greeted faces new and old. Just at this time the clouds threatened a trifle, but soon cleared and in a short time the sun was shining. We met a Miss Jean McClure, a nurse in Children's Aid in Hamilton, whom Janet had located. She proved to be from a family in Leeds County around a little place called Toledo, Ont. Jean's great grandfather being a James McClure had come from Northern Ireland, but she could not tell us the year. James had three children, Mary Jane, Alexander and Elizabeth. Elizabeth is still alive and is a Mrs. Stratten, of Blenheim, Ont. Alexander was Jean's grandfather and died thirteen years ago. He had two sons, Duncan and Wesley. Duncan lives in Toledo, Ontario (and has one son Denton). Wesley had four daughters, Verna, Dorothy, Laura and Jean. He died over twenty years ago. This was all very interesting to me, as I had come in contact with a Miss Sexton at a camp some years ago, who was a descendant of the "Mary Jane" line.

About three o'clock Lawson McClure who with a fine committee, had charge of the sports, announced that sports would be in progress shortly across the lane on south side of the house. Thither we wended our way across the roped off garden path. The garden lay between the lane and the sport field. Such lovely rhubarb and potatoes were well up.

The sport field was triangular in shape, with the railroad as its southern boundary, and the eastern end, near the barn, was the parking area. Here we assembled and led off with the Grand March to the piper's tune (we had a real Scotch piper). In the centre of the ring stood the piper, Lawson, Sam (the president) and a helper for distributing prizes. At intervals the whistle blew, the music stopped, the marching stopped and the pair nearest the lucky spot (chosen by the president and Lawson before we marched) got a prize. And so we marched until the prize bag was exhausted. The bag contained chocolate bars, all day suckers, life-savers, etc.

Then followed various games and sports for boys and girls under eighteen. The rest of us looked on or chatted with friends, some we had not seen since the last reunion and finding some we had never seen nor heard of before. Among them I met Mrs. William Brown, of Pittsburg, a very delightful and friendly person. This was her first venture among the McClures. Also met a Mrs. Harvey, a daughter of William McClure of Glen Williams, and three I forget. Mrs. Sommerville is a teacher of Manual Training daughters, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Ida Sommerville and the other in Toronto and was hoping to get a ride to Toronto after the program. This was found through the hospitality of Roy and Bessie Sharp. Also met a Mr. Ben McClure, son of the William McClure of the Glen, who, by the way, was a brother of "Little Sammy". Ben is 83 and very conversing and telling how he knew father's brother, James, who had drawn rails from their place in the Glen for the front of the farm, lot 3, Second Line West, Chinguacousy.

Then I enjoyed meeting a Mrs. Oliver of Galt, and her daughter, Mrs. Saegar of St. George, descendants of a Peter McClure, who came to Canada about 1850. He had been born in Ireland, but who came to Canada. He went to Inverness, Scotland, as a baby, his mother being a McMeekin. Mr. Saegar is a farmer and interested in

Holsteins, so knew Tom Dolson. They expected to drive home that night after the pageant, and said they found the Reunion very interesting and the people very friendly.

After awhile, oh, about five o'clock, all those over seventy years and those who had come fifty miles or more were asked to face the camera. So Dave and father were among them, and we went back over the garden path to the front of the house to see how they looked. Among them was Aunt Tena, the oldest, aged eighty-nine. (She has such a radiant face); also Kitty Wilson, Sara and Sig. Reeve, Mrs. John McClure; Sam, of Meadowvale; Dr. Sam, of U.S.A.; Ben., D.L., Sam (father of president), Dave and father and more I didn't know.

Supper was then called and announced by the skirl of the pipes. The old piper marched up the dump to the barn door and the final blast seemed to open the doors. All filed in in an orderly manner. Many of the older members had been taken in and seated before the doors were opened officially. All this had been so thoughtfully arranged.

Here we found long tables, decorated with tulips and various flowers and spread with good things—sandwiches, tea biscuits, pickles, olives, cakes, cookies, tarts, salads, ice cream, tea and lemonade. The beams of the barn had been enhanced for the occasion with evergreens. Father sat beside Kitty Wilson and Sig Reeve. He says he guesses he and Kitty were the oldest there who were direct descendants from the original James of 1820. I was at the next table between Mary and Gessie. It was a bit interesting to meet another May McClure from Nobleton, near Kleinburg (same line as the Woodbridge McClures).

Speeches were given briefly and much enjoyed. Mr. Sam McClure, Woodbridge, made a very good president and welcomed the McClure Clan briefly and heartily, which was responded to by Mr. Marlin McClure (son of Di.), of Toronto. Guest speakers said a brief word.

Mr. Chester Scott McClure, M.P., from Charlotte-

town, P.E.I., had flown from Ottawa to Toronto in order to be present. It has always been his desire to come before, but never managed it. He explained that his family had come from Scotland in 1805. Part of them came to Pennsylvania. His father had been active in the Civil War in 1862 and he told an incident how once he was billeted as a Northern soldier in a Southern home, and they turned out to be McClures also, and account of the name all differences were set aside, and he was treated like one of the family. He told, too, how McClures were in the Court of the Stuart Kings.

Mrs. John McClure (nee Mabel Hunter), of Cranbrook, B.C., brought greetings from the Cranbrook McClures. (She is on a short visit with her daughter Grace.) Mabel has three boys, Frank, Hunter and Osbourne, I think she told me.

Leslie McClure, of Pittsburg, was called on and said a brief word I failed to hear.

Dr. Sam McClure, Newark, Ohio, spoke of his joy in being present at this reunion and each one past. He recommended having a printed list of the people who had passed on since the first reunion. He referred to attending Mount Pleasant Church on Sunday, where he met some woman with whom he had waited on tables at a tea meeting sixty years ago, and whom he had seen very little since.

"Long John's Thomas' Tom" was called upon and responded heartily saying he was proud of his nickname, and admitted he did not feel like prolonging his remarks as he had not yet had his supper. He had been busy looking after the comfort of the gathering.

D. J. McClure, Second Line West, spoke a word of appreciation. How much we were indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McClure. Their hospitality had been unbounded during the practices and, now, on the day of the reunion. We sang *For They Are Jolly Good Fellows*. Responded to by Garfield.

Officers were elected. Mr. Thomas A. McClure, of Brampton, was nominated by Garfield as our new president. Like the president, Mr. Sam McClure, of Woodbridge, he too had worked ardently and sacrificially for the success of the reunion—building seats, etc., etc. Thomas A. thanked us briefly and said he would do his best, and spoke of the value of these reunions in learning more of whom our families were. He gave an incident in their own family. How he had learned something of his great Uncle Andrew, who had got lost from the family in New York on their way out from Ireland in 1827. And recently he had heard that Andrew had written to his cousin "little David" in 1839, telling his experiences and was then keeping grocery in Port Huron. In looking up McClure records, George C. McClure, in Toronto, had found Andrew's letter among his father's papers, etc.

Lawson McClure, of Toronto, was then elected First Vice-president and thanked us, saying he would spare us a speech as he needed his voice for a Sunday School picnic on Thursday.

William J. McClure, Third Line West, was elected Second Vice-president, strongly protesting, but was prevailed upon.

Garfield McClure was elected Secretary.

D. J. McClure, Second Line, Treasurer.

After supper we went to the lawn in front of the house. Here we found seats for father and Dave and repaired to the "bleachers" ourselves. The setting for the pageant was very fine.

On the south side of the lawn was a set of seats arranged like a grandstand or bleachers. In front was the stage beneath two apple trees, just out in bloom. Under these trees was a throne covered with a red and black plaid blanket. Behind was a grove of sappling trees representing the virgin forest of Toronto Township in 1820. And still behind that, curtained off, was a log cabin to represent the

first log cabin, etc. At the right hand side under a tree was a screen behind which Mrs. Shipp resorted between episodes. Here sat an accordion player (Mr. Alex. Watt) and a violinist. These musicians furnished the music ushering in very effectively each episode.

At the appointed hour Mrs. Shipp, who had charge of the pageant, came to the stage and gave us the prologue giving us a very clear insight into what was to follow. Mrs. Shipp had given endless time and thought in the preparation, and has a very pleasing personality and very gifted in making the past live in her interpretation of pioneer life of the McClure Clan.

EPISODE I.

Across the lawn we saw the royal party approaching (Mrs. Shipp had explained that the first episode would represent the last King of Man and his Queen. This setting was derived from a tradition of the origin of the McClure Clan. Leoid, son of Olave, brother of Magnus last King of Man, had formed two branches of a clan called McLeod—those of Harris and Lewis. The McLeods of Harris went to Ireland after battle of Worcester, where the final “d” was pronounced “r”. Finally returning to Galloway in 17th century as MacLure or McClure. Thus the Clan was Norse, Scotch and Irish).

Following the royal party were Irish lads and lasses dressed in green, each pair (four in all) paying homage before the King and Queen, who had ascended the throne, the Queen holding a sceptre, the King a torch. Before the throne they danced an “Eightsome Reel” to tunes of Bonnie Scotland. At the close of this episode the King threw his torch to the McClure Clan, which was caught by one of the dancers (Will McClure).

Representatives were:

The King—Mr. Julian, Woodbridge, nephew of president.

The Queen—Jean W. McClure, Second Line West.

Pages—Joe Brownridge, John McDougal McClure.

Irish Couples—Sara McC. and Will McC., Third Line W. Sam and Ethel—Cameron (son of president, and Miss Nattress; Sadie Cation and Sam McC., the president. EPISODE II.

Across the lawn from the right we saw a family approaching. These were James, (born 1775, died 1849) and Kitty and their five children, David, Mary, John, Mames and Janie, having left Hannah married to John Glover Chesney in Ireland. From Castletown they fared forth in 1820, locating at (Churchville), Toronto Township, Lot 12, east half concession 4, west. We saw them weary and tired, arriving from the Port (Port Credit), and this is some of the conversation. James said, "It is now four days since we left the Port. I think we should soon be settling. This is a nice place here Kitty. How would it be to stay?" Kitty said, "If it suits you Jimmie we will make our home right here." They consult with the family, who say, "All right, mom and dad, if it suits you it suits us." They are hungry, so decide to have some "victuals". Kitty and Mary put off their travelling clothes and don aprons and sun bonnets, the boys gather wood to make a fire, wee Jamie takes a small wooden pail and goes to the wee stream for water. The water is boiled (?) in an iron pot hung on a tripod. Mary gets out the oat bread. Kitty makes the tea. All sit down under the trees to partake of their simple meal but before they eat Kitty bids the children close their eyes while their Pa says the blessing. Jamie says, "Don't you think Kitty we should return thanks to our Heavenly Father for his care over us since we left home." James makes a short prayer of thanks for their many blessings and dedicates their lives to the service of their Master in this new land. Then they partake of the meal conversing as they eat. Kitty remarks her cake has a wee taste of the sea, etc. After the meal they choose a site for the cabin. James and the boys set about to make a clearing and build a cabin. Kitty remarks she and Mary will try and provide

good victuals to keep them strong for their work. When the cabin is finished the curtains are drawn aside and there it stands amidst the trees of the forest. The family stand around and admire it. James remarks, "As we have already dedicated our lives to His Service, Kitty, don't you think it would be fitting to dedicate our home too?" After a short prayer of dedication the family join in singing the Doxology, then retire within the cabin.

This pioneer home became the mecca for other McClure families and friends, especially those from Castletown, Ahoghill, the Largy, etc., in Ireland.

Representatives of Episode II were:

James—D. J. McClure, Lot 4, Second Line West.

Kitty—Emma McClure, 182 Queen St. W., Brampton.

David—Harold McClure, son of Arthur, Mount Pleasant.

John—John Victor (son of John G.).

James—James McClure, son of James Archdekin.

Mary—Janett Archdekin, Mayfield.

Janie—Mary McClure, daughter of Mrs. Wm. McClure, Georgetown.

After two years (1822) came a letter and Kitty and James read that Samuel and David are coming from Ireland. This causes great excitement. James prepares to go and meet them. He puts on his best, finds his hat too large, asks Mary to go and get something to "bolster" it up with. Kitty looks him over, suggests a collar, but Jamie declines as he would feel a greater freedom if he met a bear, etc. But he orders someone to get his cravat and just as he thinks he is ready he discovers he did not change his pants, so into the cabin he goes again and comes out all ready, best pants and all.

These two lads represented whom we later know as "Big Sammy," Lot 6, First Line W., Chinguacousy, and "Big Davey", Lot 11, Fourth Line W., Chinguacousy. They are heartily welcomed at the Churchville home, and, oh, the rejoicing seeing friends from home. Welcomes and

questionings rent the air. "How was daughter Hannah and John Chesney? Brother Thomas?", etc. David, son of James and Kitty has a far away look in his eye that James and Kitty sense keenly and they express the desire that they hope he can be spared to go back to Ireland before long (David had left the object of his affection in the Old Land, and although the pageant does not depict it, he finally got back, walking to New York to get a boat, and returned in August, 1830, with his bride, Jane Chesney.

These boys were represented by:

Samuel—Craig McClure, Fourth Line W. (son of John).

David—Gordon McClure (son of Joe).

The audience then joined in song of Old Ireland My *Wild Irish Rose*.

A little later Samuel's parents, James and Mary Morrow (his wife) arrive. It is fine to see son Samuel again. They had with them five children, Jane, Esther, Eliza, Patrick and James. Land was chosen next farm to James and Kitty, Lot 13, east half concession 4, Toronto Township W. (Thus they came to be called Lower and Upper Jimmie).

Felicitations are indulged in, Kitty and May Morrow hug each other almost violently. "My its great to see you Kitty." Kitty remarks that Mary Morrow is the first woman she has seen from home and hugs her all over again. Then suggests her children take Mary Morrow's to the little stream to paddle, startling Mary Morrow. She wants them to be careful and not get drowned for she is so thankful to have got them across the ocean without this befalling them. Daughter Mary gives them each a cake and off they scamper to the stream. Kitty sees Mary Morrow needs a cup of tea which touches the spot, and they exchange news. I've something to tell you says Kitty, startling Mary Morrow again. "Oh, I hope it is good news," says Mary Morrow. "Oh, yes," Kitty reassures her. "I think your Sammy has taken a notion to our Mary." Mary

Morrow quite approves and goes off to give her blessing to Sammy and Mary after which Upper James and Big Davey have a step dance, by way of celebration. James apologizes for his big boots but after it is over he has done so well in his big boots what would he have done in his finer boots. Then songs of Bonnie Scotland are sung. They ask Lower James' son David, what they will sing, and it is *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*. Then Mary Morrow suggests they go to see the place they have picked for them. Lower James says that Sammy will get the wagon and take them, but tells them to be sure and come back to sleep. They have lots of beds, one large enough to hold six children (three at the top and three at bottom). Upper Jimmie enquires if there is water on the place they have chosen. He wouldn't want a place without water. Then drives in front of the stage a real covered wagon, and Mary Morrow gets in front with Sammy and Jimmie and the children pile in behind and off they drive to see the new land.

Representatives were:

Upper James—D. L. McClure (son Paddy).

Mary Morrows—Sara McClure, West Street, Brampton.

The various children I do not know.

(Although the pageant does not picture the arrival of John, a nephew of Lower James, in 1824, it might make it clearer as we proceed to know this. He was known as "Long John" of Mount Pleasant.)

EPISODE III.

In 1827 Thomas McClure (born 1763) and his second wife, Mary Eccles, who had been married to a McClure before, arrived at Churchville with their combined families. James sees them approaching and he and Kitty peer into the distance. James says, "I don't know if that is Brother Thomas or not, but if there ever was a Mary Eccles, that's Mary Eccles." (James and Kitty had heard of their coming and were anxious because of their delay). Thomas is walking slowly, a very sick and sorrowful man.

They get him seated and he tries to explain their experiences and cause of their delay, etc. First he had the "ship's favour" (ship's fever), and never got over it. Then they were quarantined in that "haythenish city," New York for three weeks. Their son, Andrew, skipped quarantine. They looked five days for him, but could not find him, so had to come on without Andrew. James sympathized with Brother Thomas. Then conversation follows in which Thomas enquires about the church here, and takes his "lines from his pocket and gives them to James who tells him he will see him duly received into the New Church.

Thomas enquires about his son John, whom he expected to meet here. Kitty informs Thomas that John is very busy, that he is about to be married to Sarah Scott, daughter of James Scott, whom Thomas well remembers. She is now a widow, her husband, Mr. Blackstock, having been killed by a falling tree, leaving her with three wee girls. At this moment David announces John is coming through the woods. Long John arrives wearing a fur coat, fur cap and carrying a gun.

A hearty greeting ensues between John and his father (Thomas). John enquires, "Where is Andrew"? This quite overcomes Thomas who takes a weak spell and is helped to the cabin by his son John and Brother James.

Mary Eccles comes out looking for something. Kitty follows enquiring what she is seeking. Mary informs Kitty she has lost her gold, which she had in a stocking. Presently Kitty's daughter Mary produces the sock of gold saying she found it under the tick. Kitty puts her arm around Mary Eccles and says, "I am so glad you found your gold, Mary." "Yes," says Mary, "I'll be needing it with Thomas so sick." Just then James comes out of the cabin and announces that he fears Thomas is not long for this world. Mary hurries back into the cabin to see Thomas. James comes out again and announces Thomas' departure.

The audience then sings two verses of *Nearer My God To Thee*. In the first verse the sorrowing friends are grouped around in front of the cabin, James and Long John supporting the twice widowed Mary Eccles, Kitty leaning on the strong arm of her son David, and the fatherless family grouped together in deep sorrow with their cousins sharing their grief.

At the singing of the second verse the mourners slowly leave the stage through the cabin door.

Represented by:

Thomas—Thomas A. McClure, Brampton.

Mary Eccles—Mrs. Thomas A. McClure, Brampton.

Children—I do not know.

Now the homestead puts on a brighter appearance. Incidents in pioneer life are represented. We see sawing with a cross-cut saw, spinning with a wheel, and among the furnishings a little old organ and wooden cradle.

Mrs. Falconer (whose maiden name was Mary Graham) comes out with a plaid homespun shawl and white cap and sits and spins while Miss Nattress sang so very sweetly, *There's an Old Spinning Wheel In Our Parlour*. This scene was particularly quaint and effective.

EPISODE IV.

Then Mrs. Shipp came again to the stage and explained the next episode.

The scene is a bit changed. The old log cabin is converted into "The Indian Chief Hotel". The old hotel of Woodbridge and the McClures of that district depict for us a typical pioneer incident.

Here we see in front of the hotel two old cronies sitting around flipping pennies, head or tail. The proprietor and his good wife (Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton) are conversing. It is a Christmas Day. Things are not passing off with the expediency Mrs. Hamilton desires in her well ordered household. The goose is not in the oven soon enough. Mrs. Hamilton is censuring Mary Ann, her daughter, for her

dilatory and absent minded ways and attributes it all to her thinking on that young McClure fellow who had stayed at the hotel on his way up to look at land, and whom they are expecting to come for his Christmas dinner.

Mr. Hamilton, however, is a trifle in sympathy with poor Mary Ann, and is inclined to excuse her, but Mrs. Hamilton thinks it all nonsense and has little use for young McClure's attentions.

In the midst of the preparations young McClure drives in in an old fashioned cutter, the high type, blankets his horse and ties it to a tree. Mr. Hamilton gives him a genial welcome. McClure is a ready mixer and is putting his best foot forward. He bows gallantly to Mrs. Hamilton who gives him a cool, dignified "How do you do Sir" but Mr. Hamilton bids him welcome on behalf of his wife. The table is soon ready. The guests are seated. Mr. Hamilton begins to carve the goose and finds difficulty with the knife being dull. He mischievously suggests that if McClure can carve this goose and make it a go he can have Mary Ann. McClure accepts the challenge. Mary Ann senses the situation and her neglectfulness of the knife. She quickly rises, gets another knife, runs to the grindstone, returning with it to McClure's assistance. The knife in shape all moves forward. McClure very solicitously enquires their preference. Mrs. Hamilton wishes a thin slice off the breast. Mr. Hamilton wishes a drum stick. Auntie would like the wish bone, while Mary Ann shyly suggests the heart as her portion. Grandpa readily responds with "the two flippers and the part that goes through the fence last." Grandma just has no choice, so young McClure plunks the remainder of the fowl upon her plate. Finally all is triumphantly accomplished.

Mr. Hamilton good as his word commends Mary Ann to the care and keeping of McClure, McClure in turn pledging himself in loyalty and devotion to Mary Ann.

The hostler brings out the horse and cutter and off drive Mary Ann and McClure (over the grass).

These parts were taken by—

Mr. Hamilton—Sam McClure of Woodbridge.

Mrs. Hamilton—Mrs. Julian (sister of Sam).

Mary Ann—Miss Nattress (niece of Sam).

Andrew McClure—Garfield McClure, 2nd Line West, who acted it with a flourish.

Other members of the dinner party were Mrs. Cameron, of Weston, a grandmother and D. L. McClure as the grandfather and Louva McClure as Aunt.

The two cronies were Gordon McClure (son of Joe) and Tom McClure of Erin.

Next we see a typical wedding party, showing original wedding costumes. There are many guests. Bridesmaids and ushers (young couples) come in and dance a "Minuet after which they line up in a semi-circle on either side of the cabin facing the audience. Then the older couples begin to arrive. The men all wear silk hats and best bib and tucker, the women are dressed in most curious and interesting creations. The various couples come across the lawn with measured tread and stately mien to the strains of music, turning in front of the audience and taking their places on either side of the stage.

One of these couples, Sam and Ethel of Mount Pleasant, paused in front of the stage while Ethel sang "*Silver Threads Among the Gold*," which was very fitting, and as the last plaintive note of this song was sung we heard a commotion and a lively tune was struck up. "*The Old Gray Mare She Ain't What She Used To Be*" and presently we saw a high gladston conveyance, back to back type, approaching and drawn by an old gray nag with Garfield McClure at the reins and Louisa by his side, with Sara and D. L. McClure in the back seat, all in their finest array. Tom of Erin took the nag and Garfield helped his friends from their high perch.

Other couples joined the wedding party. I only wish I knew who they all were, but I'll write what I know.

Thomas A. McClure and his wife (Mabel); Willie McClure and his wife (Mabel); Sam McClure, the President, and his wife; Jean McClure and Mr. Julian; Craig McClure and Mina; D. J. McClure and Emma McClure; Gordon McClure and Louva; Mrs. Armstrong (nee Millie McClure) and John Victor McClure; Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Julian; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McClure; Mrs. Falconer and Miss Nattress; Sadie Cation and Harold Archdekin; Edna and Harold McClure; and several others I cannot begin to remember.

During the wedding scene "Among My Souvenirs" was sung by Mrs. Wardlaw of the Woodbridge branch of McClures. It was sung while she dramatized it taking each article from a band-box into which she gazed dreamily.

A reading of Psalm 23 from an original Bible brought out by pioneers, was given by John C. McClure, 2nd Line West, dressed as a preacher.

Miss Canada, represented by Margaret Archdekin came out, while the wedding party was grouped around her. Some little girls dressed in green, mauve and pink, crowned with maple leaves, representing Ireland, Scotland and England circled about as we sang "The Maple Leaf." All stood at the position of "Salute" for "O Canada."

Then in honour of his Majesty's birthday we all rose and sang "God Save the King."

Thus drew to a close one of the most appreciated and successful pageants, the first in our McClure history. Those of us who listened coveted the opportunity for every McClure in our connection to see it, which we realize was not possible; so this is an attempt in trying to tell you what we saw and enjoyed to the fullest extent.

After a few words of appreciation and farewell with our pageant friends we left for Toronto, just as the first drops of rain came down, and which continued smartly all

the way home. As we turned south on Willard Avenue, Roy and Bess Sharp gave us their salute, so they were close behind us. Leaving Edna, we proceeded to Ridley Gardens, arriving at 12.20 a.m., June 4th, 1935, Dave and Kathleen continuing on to Rosemount Avenue.

Though we thought we had made a "margy more" of it, still others went beyond us, remaining to dance 'till the wee sma' hours.

Words cannot translate full appreciation of the interpretation of pioneer life given us by the players in the pageant.

I do not like to say any one player excelled more than another, for each fitted into his or her part particularly well.

Perhaps one inspiration for them was the fact they felt so keenly the meaning of the parts they played. They moved us from laughter to tears. The pathos was very marked in each episode.

Dave and Emma portrayed for us the marvellous spirit of adventure and perseverance, which must have been endured by early settlers. It made me think of Abraham "going out not knowing whither he went," but their faith was the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Craig and Gordon acted out so well the parts of young Irish lads.

Sara and D.L. were excellent depicting for us the feelings of rejoicing and thankfulness in seeing friends in a new land and safe arrival across the ocean.

You should have seen Emma and Sarah's embrace. It spoke volumes.

It seemed rather unique that many of the players were direct descendants of the parts they represented.

Mabel and Tom had a very trying and difficult part to portray and did it so well.

One realizes, too, each one had to think out and live

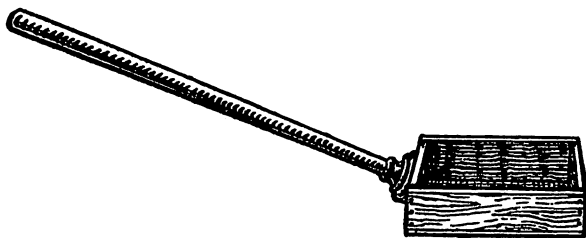
out his or her part and at the same time keeping the whole idea and setting in mind. It was a fine exhibit of co-operation.

I don't know how Emma and Dave ever thought up all their conversation. It was so typical. They surely worked over time. They had a rather major part, as they had to blaze the way for the other players. I was quite thrilled with their part, for the strength or weakness of that part either made or marred the whole pageant.

One sees too, how skilfully Mrs. Shipp wove it all together. Her's was a master hand.

The Woodbridge scene was very interesting and revealing to those of us who are not familiar with their background and we learned to know them better. Sam and Mrs. Julian were fine. Miss Nattress was very sweet and Garfield certainly was a gallant admirer. He was no faint hearted lover.

In writing this account I am greatly indebted to Emma, as she recalled much of the conversational parts of the episodes, and the order of proceedings and to Bessie Sharp who volunteered to type our account, and I know you join with me in saying "Thank you" to them both, and we only wish you had been able to be with us on June 3rd. With many happy hopes for the next time we have a reunion.



CHAPTER FIVE

*Interesting Records From
Our Local Cemeteries*

AFTER considerable research, the following record has been compiled relating to many McClure family pioneers, whose last earthly resting places are marked by tombstones in the cemeteries in Streetsville, Brampton, Chinguacousy, Georgetown, Glenwilliams, Churchville and Norval.

STREETSVILLE CEMETERY

THOMAS MCCLURE, County Antrim, Ireland, born 1804, died 1877, aged 73 years. Sara (wife), born 1820, died 1884, aged 64 years.

JAMES MCCLURE, born 1775, died 1849, aged 74 years.
(Lower James was the first son of Andrew.)

THOMAS MCCLURE, born 1763, died 1827, aged 64 years.
(Son of Andrew, married Jean Brown and Mary Eccles.)
(See plate page IV.)

JAMES MCCLURE, born 1767, died 1831, aged 64 years.

MARY MORROW, born 1780, died 1867, aged 87 years.

ELIZA, born 1815, died 1895, age 80 years.

(Upper James was a cousin of Thomas and James, nephew of Andrew.)

SAMUEL MCCLURE, born 1801, died 1881, age 80 years.

MARY MCCLURE, born 1804, died 1877, aged 73 years.

(Son of above James.)

THOMAS MCCLURE, born 1806, died 1888, age 82 years.

ELIZABETH MCCLURE, born 1808, died 1880, age 72 years.

CATHERINE MCCLURE, born 1837, died 1873, age 36 years.

(Thomas was son of Thomas and Jean Brown. Catherine was wife of Thomas the third.)

BRAMPTON CEMETERY

JOHN McCLURE, born 1830, died 1909, age 79 years.

RACHEL ARNOTT (wife), born 1837, died 1921, age 84 years.

(John was a son of Big Dave.)

GEORGE McCLURE, born 1853, died 1938, age 85 years.

MARY BURNETT (wife), born 1862, died 1931, age 69 years.

MURRAY (son), born 1884, died 1885, age 1 year.

MAY McCLURE (daughter), born 1889, died 1939, age 50 years.

(George, son of David, son of James and Kitty, son of Andrew.)

JOHN McCLURE, born 1841, died 1891, age 50 years.

JANE HUNTER (wife), born 1854, died 1929, age 74 years.

(John, son of John, son of Thomas, son of Andrew.)

JOHN McCLURE, born 1844, died 1921, age 77 years.

MATILDA JANE THOMPSON (wife), born 1858, died 1921, age 63 years.

(John, son of David, son of James, son of Andrew.)

WILLIAM McCLURE, born 1846, died 1918, age 72 years.

ELIZA JANE McCLURE (wife), born 1848, died 1931, age 83 years.

(William, son of Samuel, son of Upper James).

ROBERT McCLURE, born 1837, died 1903, age 66 years.

ANN OLIVER (wife), born 1834, died 1907, age 73 years.

CHARLOTT (daughter), born 1867, died 1941, age 74 years.

DAVID (son), born 1875, died 1897, age 22 years.

(Robert was son of David, son of James, son of Andrew.)

DAVID McCLURE, born 1801, died 1876, age 75 years.

JANE CHESNEY (wife), born 1812, died 1898, age 86 years. (*See plate page IV.*)

Note: (David was son of James and Kitty, son of Andrew.)

JOHN H. McCLURE, born 1872, died 1946, age 74 years.
(John was son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James.)

GORDON HUTCHINSON McCLURE, LAC, RCAF, born 1918, died 1941, age 23 years.

(Son of Thomas, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James.)

ANNIE MAUD OLIVER McCLURE (wife of S. J. McClure), born 1877, died 1937, age 60 years.

JAMES McCLURE, born 1839, died 1887, age 48 years.

CHRISTINE LESLIE (wife), born 1846, died 1943, age 97 years.

(James, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew.)

DAVID McCLURE, born 1842, died 1923, age 81 years.

MARY McCLURE (wife), born 1843, died 1927, age 84 years.

(Son of David, of James, of Andrew.)

JOHN HILLIARD McCLURE, born 1870, died 1944, age 74 years.

(Son of Samuel, of Samuel, and Mary Eccles, of David, of David.)

SCOTT'S CEMETERY (CHINGUACOUSY)

(This old cemetery is on Lot 8, fourth concession, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy.)

JAMES McCLURE, born 1839, died 1909, age 70 years.

MARGARET McCLURE (wife), born 1836, died 1910, age 74 years.

(James was son of Thomas who came to Canada in 1827 from Ireland, son of Thomas, son of Andrew.)

(Margaret McClure was a daughter of Big Davey. There are no other McClures buried there.)

OSTRANDER'S CEMETERY (CHINGUACOUSY)

Lot Seven, Fifth Concession

SAMUEL McCLURE, born 1819, died 1883, age 64 years.

MARY SMITH (wife), born 1823, died 1901, age 78 years.

ELIZA JANE (daughter), born 1861, died 1879, age 18 years.

(Samuel, son of Samuel, of David, brother of William of the Burg and James of Watford. All the above had and still have large connections. Samuel and his brothers were stepsons of Thomas, born 1763-1827.)

HOME CHURCH CEMETERY

This old cemetery is on Lot 15, Fourth Concession, Third Line West, Chinguacousy.

JOHN McCLURE, born 1799, died 1875, age 76 years.

SARAH SCOTT (wife), born 1806, died 1872, age 66 years.

JANE (daughter), born 1846, died 1872, age 26 years.

SARAH (daughter), born 1835, died 1848, age 13 years.

JOHN McCLURE, born 1841, died 1891, age 50 years.

THOMAS McCLURE, born 1837, died 1903, age 66 years.

JANET MOORE (wife), born 1842, died 1912, age 70 years.

(The above stone is the only stone erected to the memory of any McClure in the cemetery.)

(The first John was born in County Antrim, Ireland, emigrated to Canada in 1825, he was son of Thomas, of Andrew, who was son of James. The others are members of his family.)

GEORGETOWN CEMETERY

Situated on the easterly section of town.

JOHN McCLURE, born 1837, died 1911, age 74 years.

MARY J. LAUGHLIN (wife), born 1849, died 1927, age 78 years.

THOMAS (son), born 1875, died 1895, age 20 years.

CYRUS (son), born 1880, died 1937, age 57 years.

ELIZABETH McCLURE HARRIS (daughter), born 1878, died 1908.

JOHN A. McCLURE (son), born 1882, died 1919.

DAVID (son), born 1876, died 1928.

WILLIAM ALBERT, born 1888, died 1931.

JAMES McCLURE, born 1857, died 1932.

James was son of John, son of David.

GLENWILLIAMS CEMETERY

SAMUEL McCLURE, born 1830, died 1915.

MARION (wife), born 1841, died 1885.

Children of the above:

DAVID, born 1874, died 1900.

ANDREW, born 1870, died 1913.

W. J., born 1861, died 1894.

ANN JANE, born 1863, died 1933.

SAMUEL, born 1880, died 1943.

ELIZABETH, born 1866, died 1943.

THOMAS, born 1872, died 1945.

(Away up on the hill, north-east of the village, still in use.)

ELIZA McCLURE, wife of James Graham, born 1832, died 1912.

Note: Mother of Mrs. Faulkner and Sarah, David, Thomas and George Graham.

CHURCHVILLE CEMETERY

JAMES McCLURE, born 1821, died 1877, age 56 years.

CATHERINE McCLURE, born 1831, died 1915, age 84 years.

(Note: James was son of James and Mary Morrow, and brother of big Sammy and Paddy.)

DAVID J. McCLURE, born 1856, died 1938, age 82 years.

ETTA McKINDSEY, wife, born 1863, died 1930, age 73 years.

(David was son of the above James.)

(Another stone and another James)

JAMES McCLURE, born 1815, died 1902, age 87 years.

ESTER McCLURE (wife), born 1823, died 1907, age 84 years.

MARY JANE (daughter), born 1852, died 1891, age 39 years.

ESTER HANNAH (daughter), born 1867, died 1872, age 5 years.

SAMUEL McCLURE (son), born 1863, died 1949, age 86 years.

NORVAL CEMETERY

THOMAS McCLURE, born 1835, died 1909, age 74 years.

MARY McDOWELL (wife), born 1844, died 1923, age 79 years.

ANDREW McCLURE, born 1847, died 1933, age 86 years.

ANN JANE CAMPBELL (wife), born 1866, died 1917, age 51 years.

DAVID McCLURE, born 1852, died 1893, age 41 years.

T. STANLEY McCLURE, born 1891, died 1895, age 4 years.

ETHEL McCLURE, born 1887, died 1890, age 3 years.

(The above were sons of Thomas and Elizabeth.)

JOHN McCLURE, born 1842, died 1916, age 74 years.

SARAH McCLURE (wife), born 1851, died 1936, age 85 years.

SAMUEL DAVID McCLURE (son), born 1878, died 1944, age 66 years.

ETHEL DOLSON (wife), born 1833, died 1938, age 56 years.

J. C. McCLURE, born 1884, died 1885, age 1 year.

MARY LITTLE, born 1881, died 1903, age 22 years.

DAVID McCLURE, born 1801, died 1871, age 70 years.

Note: David was known as Big Davey.

ELIZABETH SKELTON (wife), born 1811, died 1867, age 66 years.

ROBERT (son), born 1855, died 1894, age 39 years.

DAVID (son), born 1832, died 1900, age 68 years.

WILLIAM (son), born 1844, died 1908, age 64 years.

JOSEPH McCLURE, born 1848, died 1922, age 74 years.

AGNES DOLSON (wife), born 1852, died 1921, age 63 years.

PATRICK McCLURE, born 1819, died 1905, age 86 years.

MARGARET McCLURE (wife), born 1826, died 1908, age 82 years.

JAMES McCLURE (son), born 1849, died 1922, age 73 years.

HANNAH MAGILL (wife), born 1852, died 1927, age 75 years.

DAVID L. McCLURE (son), born 1857, died 1943, age 86 years.

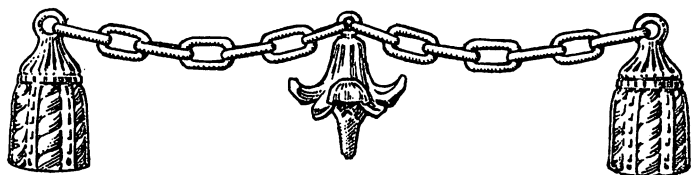
ELIZABETH McCLURE (wife), born 1859, died 1929, age 70 years.

JOSEPH B. McCLURE (son), born 1865, died 1938, age 73 years.

JOHN S. McCLURE (son), born 1847, died 1934, age 87 years.

ARNOTT McCLURE (grandson), born 1893, died 1941, age 48 years.

DAVID ARNOTT McCLURE (great grandson), born 1923, died 1953, age 30 years.



CHAPTER SIX

Some Early Historical Data

By T. A. McCLURE

ON PAGE ELEVEN of the History of the Monongahela Valley McClures, it says that the Reverend Edmond McClure, M.A., Secretary of the S.P.C.K., of London, England, in tracing McClure History, found that in 1291, the name Mauleurer appears on the role of those Scots who swore fealty to King Edward The First of England, as written by Edward's Norman scribes. (That may account for the way the name was spelled). This was taken from the Ragman Role of that time.

Again in 1485, it is recorded that Edwin and Gilbert Maklure were witnesses to a land deal in Scotland.

Again on October 6th, 1488, it is recorded that John Lord Kenyd, John of Montgomery, and Michiel Maclure shall "devide" land between them. It is also recorded that there were McClures in Ireland in 1606.

Burk's Peerage Baronetage Edition, 1875, page 775, shows that the McClure Family have been prominent in the Presbyterian Church since the Revolution, and that they fought at the Battle of the Boyne.

In the history of the McCLURES by John Wilfred McClure of Ireland, he says that John Lord Kenyd, John of Mont Gomery, and Michiel McClure shall devoid these lands. The other says they shall devid them. What a difference one letter makes sometimes.

I think the land must have been divided as who ever heard of a Scotsman giving anything away.

Always spell your name correctly, and see that others do also. A young McClure applied for a job and was required to show his birth certificate. He found he had not been registered, and went home and told his trouble to his

mother. She said it was registered, and that the Minister had also entered it in the Family Bible, and sure enough there it was—"Maclure." The lad got the job, but he was Maclure after that.

In Scotland in 1291, it was Mauleure, in 1485 Maklure, in 1488 Maclure, and since 1700, we have McCluer, McClirex, McLiur, McLuiry. 16 different ways to spell my name. McClure, is good enough for me. There is a story told of two young McClures going to India about the year 1715, from their home in Scotland, and that they never married, so became rich, and as often was the case they never wrote home and soon lost all trace of their relations at home. They did not know that they also had left Scotland. When the first one died he left everything to the brother, and when he died, he left no will. By this time there was over a million dollars looking for an owner. It took the courts a long time to get into action, and a relation was never found to claim all that great wealth. Oh boys, aboys, what a waste!

SULLIVAN'S RIDE

*An idealistic sketch of His Famous Ride, written by
Thomas Graham, son of Eliza McClure, and presented by
Mrs. W. J. McClure, of Norval, Ont.*

A character called SULLIVAN,
Whose christian name was PAT,
Lived many years in Brampton Town,
Well known as "Shoot the Hat".

Long years ago in fifty nine,
When Pat was but a boy,
His sole desire was to quarrel
With others and annoy.

He hired with a Husbandman,
Who had a lively son,
Oft flogged for his mischievous tricks,
Related now as fun,

The Husbandman, two oxen had,
 Called Lion Wild and Lamb;
The boy compelled to drive them oft,
 Was known at school as Sam.

These oxen differed very much;
 A quiet beast was Lamb,
A docile riding ox he was
 For Jack and Dave and Sam.

While Lion was the opposite,
 Unruly, cross, and wild;
But knowing not the two apart,
 Pat easily was beguiled.

One day with all hands leaving home,
 Bound for the other place,
The oxen Sam was told to take,
 And sullen grew his face.

He said it was Pat's turn the oxen to drive,
 Which Pat would not allow;
And straight way without more ado,
 Arose the usual row.

The farmer quickly ordered Sam
 To take the oxen over;
Sam chocked his grief and mounted Lamb,
 And shouted as if in clover.

He bragged all day—he laughed, he cheered,
 About his jolly ride,
Till Pat, by nature envious,
 Could ill his joy abide.

Pat cursed the Pope to anger Phil,
 When working at the hay,
And on Jane Johnston's row threw his,
 To vent his spleen that day.

Jane chased him often with her fork,
 While Philip at him swore;
The farmer was his only friend
 Before the day was o'er.

Next day at noon returning home
Sam would the oxen take;
And so would Pat, and talk did each,
The more determined make.

Until the farmer coming up
Like ill-omened fate,
Decided, ordering Sam to mount
Pat at the highway gate.

Friendship's unfortunate at times,
On mischief, Sam was bent;
He mounted Pat on Lion wild,
Away John Gilpin went.

The farmer angered made for Sam,
His neck will sure be broke,
Begobs said Philip its little odds;
Jane Johnston cheered the joke.

Attention now was turned to Pat,
Which Sam most surely saved
It was a sight of joy and fear,
The way that ox he hanged.

Mild Lamb joined in the general run,
Of Lion's frantic race,
While Pat with woo, woo, did shout and scream
Grew pallid in the face.

Now tails erect and heels in air,
With bellowing long and loud,
The oxen down the dusty road,
Were lost in dusty cloud.

Pat, Lion grasped around the neck,
I'm kilt! oh murder! woo! woo!
The startled neighborhood turned out
To see who shouted so.

The fear of all dissolved in laugh
To see ridiculous Pat,
Whose head pressed tight on Lions neck
Kept on his fated hat.

Thus two miles down the line they went
To Springbrook corner came,
Through many evolutions passed,
Pat still was riding game.

The oxen turned the corner sharp
As every one must know;
Pat who with them had stayed so well,
Was forced to let them go.

He hated sore to part from them,
And he parted with a yell;
All down the road was thick with dust,
As on the road he fell.

His injuries were very slight;
His hat had suffered most;
Was quickly up with hat in hand
And followed the oxen lost.

The others now caught up with him,
An angry boy was Pat,
Sam with tormenting jibe and jeer,
Hi, say Pat "Shoot the Hat".

The others laughed they scarce knew why,
And Pat more angry grew,
His tattered hat, begrimed with dust,
Away he madly threw.

Though thirty years have passed since then,
You still may meet with Pat,
And if you'd see an angry man,
Just mention—"Shoot the Hat".

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Upper James McClure Family

FIRST GENERATION

UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

Seven Generations

DAVID McCLURE, born 1688, in Scotland, on a farm near Glasgow, emigrated to Ireland in 1715, being married in Scotland, and some of his children were born in Scotland. I do not know who he married. Children: James, William, Thomas, Samuel, Mary, David. David had a brother, James, who went to Ireland at the same time. I do not know whether the two who went to India were brothers or not. At the time that these two left Scotland Jean and her brother, John, from the same district, went to the U.S.A. John was born in 1696, and Jean in 1694. What relation these six were I do not know.

SECOND GENERATION

UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES, son of David, born in Scotland, in 1710, emigrated to Ireland in 1715 with his parents. No further record.

WILLIAM, son of David, born in Scotland, in 1712, nothing further reported.

THOMAS, son of David, born in Scotland, in 1714. No other report.

SAMUEL, son of David, born in Ireland, in 1716. No other report.

MARY, daughter of David, born in Ireland, in 1718. No other report.

DAVID, son of David, born in Ireland in 1720, married Mary Templeton. Children: Catherine, Martha. Mary

Templeton died and then David married Mary McMullen. Children: Thomas, Samuel, James.

There seems to be some connection between this family and the family described by John Wilfred McClure of Ireland, where he tells of a Thomas McClure, who was born in Ireland in 1716, although the Thomas in the above report was born in 1714. It is hard to prove a lot of dates of birth, even now, of our own, so it is possible some of these old dates may be a little out. The names, Samuel, James and William appear in both families, making it appear as though there might be a relationship between them and, if there is, then the McClures known as Upper Jimmies and the Woodbridge families are connected. John Wilfred McClure mentions the name of William Waugh McClure whose brother, Andrew, became the father of all those described as being the Woodbridge McClures. This Andrew was the son of Andrew McClure and Mary Jane Waugh.

THIRD GENERATION

UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL, son of David, of David, born in Ireland in 1765; married Mary Eccles. Particulars of this branch are given with the Samuel Family.

THOMAS, son of David, of David, born in Ireland about the year 1767. I feel I have not got this Thomas, at least not just now.

JAMES, son of David, of David, born in Ireland in 1767; died in Canada in 1831; married Mary Morrow in Ireland, born, died They are buried in the old cemetery at Streetsville, Ontario. They came to Canada in 1824, settling on lot 13, 4th concession, west, Toronto Township, in 1826, having bought the farm from a Mr. Beatty, receiving the deed in 1831. This James became known as Upper Jimmy, as there was also a Jimmy on the farm below. Children: Samuel, Patrick, James, Elizabeth, Jane, Sarah.

FOURTH GENERATION UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of James, of David, of David, born 1801; died 1881; married Mary McClure, born 1804; died 1877. They lived on lot six first line West, second concession Chinguacousy. He received his deed from the Crown and the fifth generation are there now, 1952. They were both born in Ireland. He came to Canada in 1822. They are buried in the Old Cemetery at Streetsville, Ontario. Children are: David, William, John, Jane, Mary, Catherine. (*For picture see plate page III.*)

PATRICK McCLURE, son of James, of David, of David, born in Ireland 1819; died 1905; buried at Norval, Ontario; married Margaret Blackstock, also born in Ireland 1826; died 1918. They lived on lot seven, third line west, Chinguacousy, Ontario. Children: John, James, Samuel, David, William, Thomas, Joseph, Albert, Mary Eliza. (*For picture see plate page III.*)

Patrick was very strong when young. There is a story told of him and some others going to Niagara as volunteers to fight the Fenians, who had crossed over to Canada. While our boys were hiding behind a rail fence the enemy started shooting at them with a gattling gun and as our boys had nothing but a few old guns they decided to get out while the going was good. Paddy is reported to have said, "Dod blame them they would shoot a fellow in the face as soon as not."

There is another story of how Patrick and one of his friends fell out and he had the best of reasons for being offended. He had an old ram which was too cross for him. As he was too old for that kind of thing he told his friend about it and as the friend's old billy was supposed to be quiet they traded sheep. The very first day after the trade Paddy was carefully pushing a wheel barrow through a narrow door when something hit him an awful wallop that sent him over the barrow. He did not see what hit him

but it was either that quiet ram or a freight train. It was no wonder he was a little put out over the deal, was it? Paddy being a good natured man soon found out that his friend did not know that his boys had trained their old billy to hit a basket no matter where it appeared. Now perhaps this did not happen as there were no witnesses, as any person who ever got a bunt from a ram knows the ram shuts his eyes just before he strikes so he did not see that it was not just another basket. And Paddy did not see what happened, so we had better just forget all about it.

Another farm story—If Old McDonald had had some boys on his farm he would not be saying so much about a few ducks. The boys would have made plenty of noise and excitement especially if he had had an old ram about. These boys had a hum dinger, on which they used to play some awful tricks. They went up in the barn and let a red blanket down over a stone wall into the sheep pen so Billy could see it, and oh boy did he ever take a whack at that blanket. At the last minute they raised the blanket. Say, you ought to have seen the wool fly up on his back. And do you know one bunt did not satisfy him either. Then the scene was changed to something not so hard on his head. The floor of the pen was about four feet higher than the yard outside and there was a door that was seldom opened. The boys opened this door and hung the blanket over the opening. Old Billy came at it expecting to hit something hard and again the blanket went up. Once was not enough for him either. Say, boys, who was that coming in the lane? Was it Dad? All was back to normal again.

I have read a book written by Ralph Conner, in which he tells a story of some of the troubles between our country and the U.S.A. A Company came over and burned a hospital on a cold winter night. The sick were forced out in the snow and farmers came with sleighs and drew them to their homes. The story says that it was a General McClure who led the invaders. I have no name fit



PATRICK McCLURE AND HIS WIFE MARGARET BLACKSTOCK

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BIG SAMMIE McCLURE

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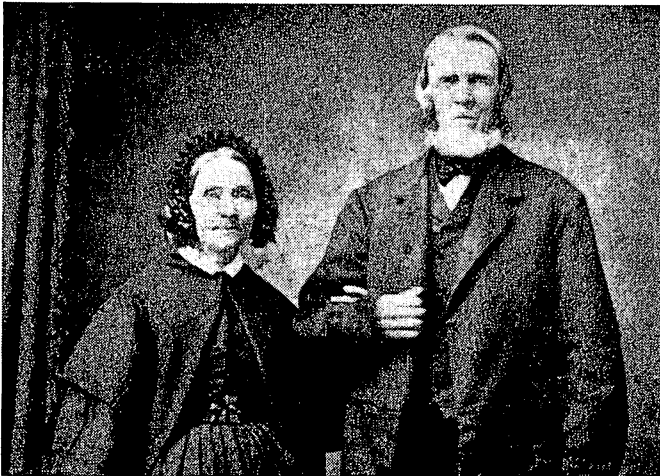
MARY ECCLES MCCLURE

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LITTLE DAVID MCCLURE AND
HIS WIFE JANE CHESNEY

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LONG JOHN MCCLURE AND HIS WIFE SARAH SCOTT

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to be put in print for such people. I wonder if this is true or did Connor just have to give a name and so used the McClure name.

EXTRACT FROM THE MYSTERIES OF IRELAND
*Giving sketches of the lives of the Leaders and their
last speeches before condemnation.*

John McClure—Was born at Dobois Ferry, in America, on the 17th of July, 1846 of Irish parents. He joined the army of the Northern States and obtained the rank of Captain. He took part in the Fenian rising of Mar, the 5th in Ireland and was busy at the attack and capture of Emmokadooncoast guard station. Edward Kelly and he were taken prisoners by the soldiers at Kilclooney Wood on the 31st of March after a skirmish. He was tried before the special commission on May 22nd and 23rd, 1867, at Cork. In the following language he spoke to the court:

"My Lords, in answer to the question as to why the sentence of the court should not be passed on me, I would desire to make a few remarks in relation to my late exertations in behalf of suffering people of this country, in aiding them in their earnest endeavors to attain the independence of their native land. Although not born upon the soil of Ireland, my parents were. From history and tradition, and fireside relations, I became conversant with the country's history from my earliest childhood, and as the human race will ever possess these Godlike qualities which inspire mankind with sympathy for the suffering; A desire to aid poor Ireland to rise from moral degradation took possession of me. I do not now wish to say to what I assign the failure of that enterprise with which are associated my well meant acts in connection with for this persecuted land. I feel fully satisfied of the righteousness of my every act in connection with the late revolutionary movement in this country, being actuated by a holy desire to assist in the emancipation of an enslaved and generous people. I derive more pleasure from having done the act than from any other event that has occurred to me during my eventful but youthful life. I wish it to be distinctly understood here, standing as I do perhaps on the brink of an early grave, that I am no fillibuster or free booter, and that I had no personal object or inclination to gain

anything in coming to this country. I came solely through love of Ireland and sympathy for her people. If I have forfeited my life, I am ready to abide the same. If my exertations on behalf of a distressed people be a crime I am willing to pay the penalty, knowing as I do that what I have done was in behalf of a people whose cause is just, a people who will appreciate and honor a man although he may not be a country man of their own, still a man who is willing to suffer in defence of that Divine, that American principle, the right of self government.

I would wish to tender to my learned and eloquent counsel, Mr. Heron and Waters, and to my solicitor, Mr. Collins, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the able manner in which they conducted my defence. And now my Lords, I trust I will meet in becoming manner the penalty which it is now the duty of your Lordship to pronounce upon me. I have nothing more to say."

This account was given me by Mr. Bob Clarke of Toronto, an Irish friend of our family.

A BIG DROP IN PORK

A farmer was drawing in grain, and while out for a load, some of the younger boys and a couple of cousins from town were supposed to keep the pigs out of the barn. But they got the pigs in and then closed the doors on the dump side and began to chase them around in the barn. Soon one pig made the jump out the back door and then one after the other out they went, just a drop of ten or twelve feet. They were seeing how the swine of the Sunday School lsson looked as they jumped over the hill into the sea and were drowned.

One time these boys hitched up a cow to a cart and when all was ready with two of them on the seat the cow started down the lane, which was a bit too tame so they put up an old umbrella. Don't try this unless Dad is away.

Did you ever hear the crows having a reunion? Well, they make nearly as much noise as the McClures do at their reunion. I have heard and seen them and when a boy I was at one, hidden behind a fence where we could see. There seemed to be hundreds of crows flying around a big

elm tree, which, we were told, was a coon tree. As we watched closely we could see a coon lying on a limb as if it was asleep and those silly old crows would fly at him and pick him and some sat on the limb and picked at him but he let them pick away and make an awful noise. All the time he was just waiting for a nice fat young one to come up close. Suddenly he grabbed one and began to pull the feathers out of it. Then he crawled into the hole in the tree with supper for himself and family. I believe he had been doing this quite often judging by the noise often heard. So ended a great gathering.

ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of James, of David, of David—born 1815 in Ireland; died 1895, buried at Streetsville, Ontario. Single.

ESTER McCLURE, daughter of James, of David, of David—born 1823 in Ireland; died 1907; married James McClure, born in Ireland, died 1902. Record given in No. 3, or Lower James family.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of David, of David—married James Graham, who died at the age of 103 years. Buried at Churchville, Ont.

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of David, of David—b. 1821 in Ireland; d. 1877; married Catherine McClure; 8. 1831; d. 1915. Lived on the farm of his father, lot 13, 4th concession west Toronto Township. Children: Ester, Mary Jane, Emma, Sarah, Elizabeth, Edith and David.

FIFTH GENERATION

UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE, son of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1842 on the First Line West, Chinguacousy; d. 1936. married Sarah McClure, b. 1851 in Ireland; d. 1936. They were buried at Norval, Ont. Farmed on lot 9, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Samuel, William, Minnie, John, Craig, Bell.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Samuel, of James, of David, of

David—b. 1846 on First Line West, Chinguacousy; d. 1918; married Eliza McClure, b. 1848 in Ireland; d. 1931. They are buried in Brampton Cemetery. Farmed Lot 5, 2nd concession west, Chinguacousy. Children: Samuel, Mary, Maggie, Sarah, William, David.

JANE MCCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1842; d. 1922; married William McClure. Children: Samuel, John, Thomas.

MARY MCCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1839; d. 1917; married James McGill; b. 1832; d. 1896; buried in Brampton Cemetery. Farmed on Lot 22, first concession west, Chinguacousy.

JOHN MCCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1847; d. 1934; buried at Norval; married Margaret Scott. Lived in Manitoba most of their married lives. Children: Norman, Albert, Margaret, Bertha, Lottie.

For a long time after John settled in Manitoba the buffalo would run down any person on foot and sometimes they threatened to run down the settlers on their way to church so they always carried a gun to scare them off. When possible these settlers travelled together, which was safer. The buffalo have been known to kill oxen and horses by just running over them. Norman McClure, son of John, says he had a race with one while out with a pony and if his boots had not been hard the pony might have not won the race. Anyway the buffalo had chased them away from his cows and young calves.

DAVID L. MCCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1857; d. 1943; married Elizabeth McClure, b. 1859; d. 1929. They are buried at Norval. Farmed on lot 8, third concession west Chinguacousy. David was President of the Clan in 1932 and was a great help to the clan. Children: Arnott, Millie, Bell.

David L. told of a young McClure coming to Canada in the spring of the year when the sap was running. While

visiting among his friends, walking through the bush from one place to another, he came across some sap troughs with sap in them. He thought the sap was water and as his boots were muddy he just washed them off in a few of the troughs. Upon his arrival at the friend's house he congratulated his friend upon his great wealth in his new home. Everything seemed to show how well off the cousin had become but the cousin said that he was far from being a wealthy man. Whereupon the visitor said that any man who had so many pigs wasn't so badly off. The cousin told him that he did not have half as many pigs as his brother. When he went out to gather the sap he found out why the new arrival thought him so wealthy. He had thought the sap troughs were pig troughs.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1849; d. 1922; married Hannah McGill; b. 1852; d. 1927. They are buried at Norval. Farmed on lot 2, fifth line west, Chinguacousy. Children: Jane, Wilmore, Dot, Zoe, Bert, Maggie, Ethel.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1854; married Bertha Robrahu, b. 1860. Dr. McClure practiced medicine in Newark, Ohio, U.S.A. Children: Bessie, James, Mary.

Dr. Samuel McClure never missed a reunion although he was getting old and had a long way to go. He loved to see his people and always helped to make the gathering a success.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David—b. 1862; d. 1948; married Jennie Carrol. Children: Lila, Carrol.

He farmed in Halton County for a while, lived in Brampton, then went west where he had several jobs. T. A. seldom missed a reunion although he had to come from Winnipeg to do so. He said it was a real visiting bee. He was always sure to see so many of his people.

WILLIAM P. McCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1852; d. 1922; married Martha Hunter.

Dr. McClure practiced medicine in Elyria, Ohio, U.S.A.
Children: Russel, Ruby, William, Edna Josephine.

Dr. W. P. McClure was very interested in the family history and spent a great deal of his time and money preparing the only history of the family up to his time, and with editions of other families. The Executive started out to have all put in a book and went so far as to have an order book printed. (*For picture see plate page III.*)

There were only eighteen subscribers for the above history so the book was not printed and I never saw the original or what W. P. had written.

JOSEPH MCCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1865; d. 1938. He is buried at Norval, Ontario. Married Sarah Lammie. Farmed on the homestead of his father, Patrick, third line west, Chinguacousy. Children: Margaret, Elsie.

The McClure Clan was organized at his home and it was decided to hold the gathering later on. Officers were appointed. William Garfield McClure was chosen as our first President, David James McClure, treasurer and Samuel James was Secretary. Rules and regulations were voted on and have been followed ever since. Joseph B. was the friend of every McClure, always working for the success of the Clan.

ALBERT MCCLURE, son of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1870; married Ethel Hall. Doctor in the U.S.A. Children: Margaret, Edward.

MARY ELIZA MCCLURE, daughter of Patrick, of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1856; d. 1893; married John Brownridge; buried at Ashgrove. Children: Joseph, Ellery, McClure, Maggie, Austin, Harold, William, Aggie.

DAVID JAMES MCCLURE, son of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1856; d. 1938; married E. M. Kindsey; b. 1863; d. 1930. They are buried at Churchville. They

lived on the farm of his grandfather, James, lot 13, third line west, Toronto Township. Children: Kathleen.

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1854; d. 1891; married Weir McCulloch. Buried at Churchville.

ESTER McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1861; d. 1945; married John McCulloch; b. 1856; d. 1914. Buried at Brampton. Children: Edna.

EMMA McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1866; d. 1899; married Thomas Sharp; b. 1862; d. 1937. Emma died and then he married her sister Sarah. All buried in Brampton. Children: Murray, Douglas, Bessie.

LIZZIE (ELIZABETH) McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of David, of David—married Joseph Palmer. No family.

EDITH McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of David, of David—married N. Tisdale. Farmed on lot 1, fifth line west, Chinguacousy. One child, Jean.

SIXTH GENERATION UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1872. Farmed on lot 6, first line west, Chinguacousy. Married Maud Oliver; b. 1877; d. 1937. Children: Oliver, Bruce. Samuel remarried Violet Hewson. Retired in Brampton, Ontario.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1874; d. 1953; married George Reid; b. 1868; d. 1949. Lived in Brampton, Ont.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1876; married Mina Lundy. Living on lot 4, first line west, Chinguacousy, one of the old McClure homesteads.

MAGGIE McCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1880; married Joseph Naylor. Living in Detroit. Children: Donald Naylor.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1883. Living at West Street, Brampton, Ontario.

DAVID McCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1886; plumber, San Bruno, Cherry Avenue, California, U.S.A. Married Sarah Allen. Children: William, Elaine, Margaret.

When David was a child he had a grand idea of how to get rid of trouble makers. One day while wandering around the yard the old gander beat him up and scared him pretty badly. A few days after he saw a basket of day old goslings, which his mother had brought into the house for a few hours. Little David started in to kill them but his sister came on the scene in time to save the young goslings. She started to scold Davey who asked her if they were not going to be ganders some day. He had a grand idea of how to treat trouble makers, just ring their necks the first time you see them, don't let them grow up to be ganders.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1878; d. 1944; married Ethel Dolson at Norval; b. 1883; d. 1938. Buried at Norval, Ont. Samuel married the second time to Mrs. Ingram, nee Isabel Leslie. No children.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1880; married Mabel McClure; b. 1886. Lived on the third line west, Chinguacousy, lot 8. He is a Past President of our Clan.

MINNIE McCLURE, daughter of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1882; married Ellery Brownridge, b. 1882. Farming on lot 1, first line east, Chinguacousy. Children: Mary, John, Joseph.

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1886; married Bell McCarron. Farming lot 10, third concession west, Chinguacousy. Children: John, Samuel.

CRAIG MCCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1896; married Ester Giffen. Living on lot 9, fifth concession west, 4th line, R.R. No. 2, Brampton. Craig is Treasurer of the McClure Clan. Children: Andrew, John, Lorna, Betty.

BELL MCCLURE, daughter of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1891; d. ?; married James Archdekin. Children: Harold, Thomas, McClure, William, Stanley, Janet, Margaret, Isobel, Lorene.

NORMAN MCCLURE, son of John, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1875; married Margaret Kanawin, b. 1874; d. 1952. Living on a farm near Shelbourne, Ontario. Retired lumber man and farmer of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. No children.

ALBERT MCCLURE, son of John, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1887; married Ruth Johnston. Lived at Balmoral, Manitoba. Children: Glen, Edward, Lillian May.

LOTTIE MCCLURE, daughter of John, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1890; married Joseph Baldock. Children: Elva, Ella, Frank, Norman, Bertha, John, Howard, Edith, Robert.

BERTHA MCCLURE, daughter of John, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1877; married Sidney Preston, b. 1871. Lived in Manitoba. Children: Margaret, Hazel.

MARGARET MCCLURE, daughter of John, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1881; in Manitoba; d. 1949; buried at Orangeville, Ontario. Married Frank Bell, born in Manitoba, 1880; d. 1911. Bell died and then she married a Mr. Stinson. Children: Ione Bell.

JANE MCCLURE, daughter of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1877; married James Young, b. 1867; d. 1944, carpenter, farmer, retired. Children: Harry, Norman, McClure, Wilmore, Ethel, Marjory, Elva.

DOT McCLURE, daughter of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1884; married W. McCracken. Lived at Meadowvale, Ontario. Children: James McCracken.

ZOE McCLURE, daughter of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1894; married Cliff Wardlaw, living in B.C. Children: Grant Wardlaw.

WILMORE McCLURE, son of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1880; married Ethel Smith. Contractor in Vancouver, B.C. Children: Elwood, James, Lois.

MAGGIE McCLURE, daughter of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1882; married Samuel McClure, b. 1877. Living at Claud, Ontario. Children: Clifford, Alice, Ethel.

ETHEL McCLURE, daughter of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1886; d. 1916. Married Walter Giffen. No children.

BERT McCLURE, son of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1892; married Ruby Hogg, b. Jan. 21st, 1896; d. 1928. Children: Kenneth, Albert, Ione McClure. He married again to Del Taylor.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Dr. Samuel, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1890; married Emerson Miller. Living at 124 W. Main St., Newark, Ohio, U.S.A.

BESSIE McCLURE, daughter of Dr. Samuel, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1886; married George Sherman, b. 1886. Living at 155 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., U.S.A.

JAMES J. McCLURE, son of Dr. Samuel, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1888. Living at 1035 Superior Street, Oak Park, Illinois, U.S.A. Married Ada Baker. Children: James McClure.

RUSSEL McCLURE, son of Dr. William, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1880; d. 1940. He was

a Doctor. Married Mary Fenton. Children: Fenton, Beatrice, Constance.

RUBY McCLURE, daughter of Dr. William P., of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1884; married Horace Nye. Living at 283 Washington Ave., Elyria, Ohio, U.S.A. Children: Mary, Virginia, William Nye.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Dr. William P., of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1886. Living at 1007 West Ave., Elyria, Ohio, U.S.A. Married Carry Hess.

EDNA JOSEPHINE McCLURE, daughter of Dr. William P., of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1892; married Alvin Plocker, Elyria, Ohio, U.S.A. Children: Bessie, James.

ARNOTT McCLURE, son of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1893; d. 1941; buried at Norval. Married Susan Davidson. Was undertaker and furniture merchant at Brampton, Ontario. Children: Harriet, Lenora, David.

MILLIE McCLURE, daughter of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1890; married William Armstrong, d. ?. Farmed near Woodbridge, Ontario. Children: Norma, Jean, Gladys.

BELL McCLURE, daughter of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1895; married Clarence Dolson.

EDWARD McCLURE, son of Dr. Albert, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Dr. Albert, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1903; married Clayton Cheyne. Children: Mary, McClure.

ELSIE McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1910; married Frank Lawrence. Living at Weston. Children: Ted Lawrence.

CARROL McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Patrick, of James,

of David, of David—b. 1907 in Brampton, Ontario. Living at Vigersville, Saskatchewan. Merchant.

LILA McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. in Brampton, 1902; married Emerson Snyder. Living at 34 Hart Ave. W.P., Manitoba. Children: David, Allen Snyder.

KATHLEEN McCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of James, of David, of David—b. 1894. Teacher in Toronto. Living at 10 Tichester Rd., Apt. 23.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of William—b. 1877; married Maggie McClure. Lived at Claud, Ontario. d. 1953. Children: Clifford, Alice, Ethel.

DIVINING ROD IS MYSTERY BUT IT WORKS ANYWAY

By James Y. Nicol, Telegram Staff Reporter

Just before the Hydrogen bomb's fusion class is dismissed for recess there is one order of business left over from the past several centuries. To prevent the human race from getting ahead of itself this reporter proposes to pose it now:

Who can account for the mystery of the dowser or divining rod?

Having read about a controversy in the United States between those who claim that dowsing is a mystic art and others who swear that it is utter nonsense, I went to a doozer of a dowser if there ever was one.

His full name is Samuel John Thomas McClure, a well driller, and at 74 he put on a performance at his home near the hamlet of Victoria, about 10 miles north of Brampton on No. 10 Highway, and it left me tired and mystified.

I tried to stop his dowser from turning and it almost twisted itself out of my tender hand.

Jack Judges, The Telegram's photographer, whose grip is stronger than my own—and it certainly should be for he was a PT instructor in the navy—also tried his best but he couldn't stop it either.

Back in Toronto I told Professor John Tuzo Wilson of the department of geophysics at the University of Toronto about my experience and he commented: "There is no scientific explanation for dowsing."

Just the same Mr. McClure claimed that with a dowser he could discover everything from gold dust to quicksand, fresh water or salt water, and that he could not only tell a sick cow from a healthy one but a good egg from a bad. And his rod would point to the cow's throat if the sickness was there or to its back if it were there.

Then in the town of Brampton I talked to Dr. W. H. Brydon, who has practiced medicine for many years.

BELIEVER IN DOWSING

"I do not believe in fairies, in witches or in gremlins," he said. "But in water dowsing I am a believer. I have 'switched' for water myself and I gave Sam McClure a divining rod. That was made of steel and copper. My own rod is the forked twig from an apple tree. Wood or metal, both seem to work. My rod will do a dip in my own home so there must be water under it.

"The professor is right when he says there is no scientific explanation. There is no explanation of any kind but you must admit there is something to it. We have another dowser here, Elmer Spears. I've seen him 'switch' for water and find enough for 50 head of cattle at a depth of only 16 feet. No well driller in this part will start a job without advice from either Spears or McClure."

Mr. McClure complained to me that some years ago he enrolled in a night class for prospectors that the provincial department of mines holds annually and that he tried to interest the professor there in prospecting by dowsing.

"An old fellow he was and he wouldn't listen to me," said McClure. "I am as anxious to find out about it as the next person and I am not trying to put anything over. I wish some other people at the university would look into it for me."

Varsity resumes Wednesday and after the opening confusion has abated Prof. Wilson, at my request, has agreed to meet Mr. McClure for a laboratory test. He has had no personal experience with divining rods, though he has travelled 250,000 miles in 25 countries and has made a flying trip over the North Pole and also helped to direct Exercise Muskox in the winter of 1946.

"It is strange," said the professor, "that dowsers are not as common in desert countries where they are badly needed as in countries which have plenty of water. In the war in North Africa they tried to find water with divining rods but

eventually the army issued a directive which indicated they were of no value."

SOONER DOWSE THAN SAW

Pending the test in Toronto I have this progress report to offer: With Judges we drove to McClure home and found him sawing wood in back yard. "Sure thing," he said, "I would sooner dowse than saw wood. Like a demonstration?" He had been expecting us and explained he was anxious to tell his experience in a way that would arouse scientific interest. "I would be tickled to have a college man," he told me. "Don't care who it is. And I defy him to keep my rod from dipping and if this professor has a strong friend who thinks he can keep it from dipping, well so much the better."

We went into his parlor and he took out a gold watch and laid it on the rug. Stepping back from it he called to his wife who brought him the dowser. It was made of two rods of copper and brass. Each curved out at one end but they joined in almost a straight line at the top.

This rod, Mr. McClure said, was given to him by his son Clifford, who at the time was drilling a water well a few miles away. "I'm not fussy if I use this rod or a wooden rod. Any kind will do," said Mr. McClure. "Hazelwood probably the best though apple's good, also wild plus or willow. Any wood except hickory. It's no use but I don't know why."

He then held the rod in both hands, the curved ends resting in his upturned palms and the top almost perpendicular. The rod stayed poised until he reached the watch and then it swung back against the pull of gravity and dipped.

He handed the rod to both Judges and self. We couldn't make it work. Mr. McClure said it wouldn't work for his son, his daughter or his wife, either. But Charlie Campbell, a farmer over on the first line, was a natural born dowser.

"I picked it up from Joe Fullerton—he's dead now," said Mr. McClure.

STARTED 50 YEARS AGO

"It was more than 50 years ago. I'd learned the blacksmithing trade and gone back to the farm. We were looking for water and Joe came and cut a forked branch off a wild plum tree. It dipped and he told us to put our well where it dipped. 'Let me try that danged thing,' I said to

him, and sure enough it worked for me, too. I've been dowsing ever since.

"Just came back from my holidays in Vancouver and the Rockies and I took this rod and looked for gold in the mountains. Can tell you there's plenty of it around Westminster and a place called Hopeful; no, just plain Hope. Country there's wild with gold."

Mr. McClure then invited me to hold one end of the dowser in my right hand, since it is the stronger, while he held my left hand with his right and the other end of the dowser in his free hand. In this manner we walked up to the watch on the floor again. With each step Mr. McClure warned to hang on tight and do my best to keep the rod from moving. I squeezed rod but when we came up to watch it dipped. Mr. McClure laughed. Judges laughed.

Mr. McClure then invited Judges to try. He failed also.

"Best stunt I ever did," McClure went on, "was when I had the service station in Brampton. Jack Wilson—he's dead now—ran the seed house for F. T. Hill. Told me that he's been to Bolton fair and a pickpocket had stolen the gold watch the neighbors gave him when he retired from the farm. I said no pickpocket would bother to waste his time at the Bolton fair and he must have lost it.

"Then I got Dr. Brydon's steel divining rod and went to the seed house. Jack had bagged up about 100 bags of alsike clover. I was only there a few minutes when the rod dipped over a bag. Cut it open and the alsike all spilled out. So did the gold watch."

Judges and self then went into huddle as Mr. McClure told us to hide his watch on him while he left the room and offered to find it with the rod on returning.

GOLD OR WATER?

"If he goes prospecting for gold and gold is near a spring of water, how does he know rod is dipping for water or for gold?" Judges asked me. When Mr. McClure returned, I adjourned gold watch hunt to put that up to him.

He said, "The rod will dip for gold or for water naturally. But I can cut off the dip for water by fastening a bit of gold to the rod. Won't dip for anything else but gold then, see, or whatever you put on the rod.

To prove this point he dropped a silver quarter on the floor and strapped gold watch onto the top of the rod. No dip. But with a quarter fastened to the rod it dipped.

"To test a cattle herd for T.B. I have a little bottle of the same stuff that a veterinary surgeon uses," Mr. McClure went on. "If I want to find iron, I put some iron samples on the rod ..."

When then adjourned to the well outside on the lawn and I tried to keep the rod from dipping there as we marced up to it. Mr. McClure then showed how he could dip to find out how deep the water lay from surface.

"But when we're drilling a well," he added, "we don't promise the customers that we'll get water at such and such a depth. Often run into quicksand or salt water. Or a small vein that's no good. Lots of drillers don't drill for water, just for money, Hah. That's a racket. I guess my son and I drill about 30 wells a year but I don't work any more for other drillers. Often they'd keep on drilling when they didn't need to. I just trust my son."

We then drove to a farm and met Clifford, the son, drilling a well. He said that dowsing was also a big mystery to him, though he couldn't dowse for sour apples. "But dad has told me that I'd hit water at 101 feet and I've found that I didn't have to drill more than 102. It amazes me how close he can be."

Clifford recalled that while sinkinga well at Terra Cotta he dug up the fossil of a strange-looking bird that had been buried in 60 feet of shale. "Never got it to a museum for identification," he said. "Dad threw it out when we cleaned the house."

The father said that often you found good drinking water in shale though far the best in gravel.

NOT 7TH SON

"Mr. McClure," I addressed him, "are you, by any chance, going to tell me that you were born with a veil or are the seventh son of a seventh son? Or do you feel any strange power surging through your arms that makes the rod dip as it does."

He replied, "I was born like anyone else and I am an only child. Irish-Scottish extraction. Went to public and high school in Brampton. Same as any other kid. Am five feet seven inches tall and weighed up to 160 pounds. Only weigh about 135 now. Blame that on my rheumatism. Still like to fish and hunt for deer but can't do quite as much as I used to. Blame that on my rheumatism. Don't wear glasses except to read. Can't blame that on my rheumatism. But the

only thing I feel in my arms at any time is the rheumatism."

He demonstrated how he could tell whether one vein of water crossed another at depth and as we listened we forgot about his offer to let us hide his gold watch and see if he could find it with the rod.

All the way home Judges laughed at me and I laughed at Judges.

Any more dowzers in the audience? Mr. McClure told us that it's been popular since Biblical times. He's a member of a dowser's society in England.

SEVENTH GENERATION

UPPER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

CLIFFORD McCLURE, son of Samuel—b. 1919; married Kathleen Sheard, dead. Living at Claude, Ontario.

Children: Kathleen, Jeanette, Keith, Ethel.

ALICE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel—b. 1906; married Alfred Rogers. Children ?.

ETHEL McCLURE, daughter of Samuel—b. 1924; d. ?.

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of Samuel, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1920; married Caroline Philips. Living at 1035 Superior St. Oak Park, Ill., U.S.A. Children: John.

FENTON McCLURE, son of Russell, of William P., of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1911; married?. Living at R.R. No. 2, Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick, Ohio, U.S.A. Children: two sons.

BEATRICE McCLURE, daughter of Russel, of William P., of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1918.

OLIVER McCLURE, son of Samuel, of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1910; married Kathleen Ash. Living on the homestead of his Great Grandfather, Samuel McClure, lot 6, first line west, Chingua-cousy. Children: James, Lynette, Bert.

BRUCE McCLURE, son of Samuel, of William, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1906; married Dorothy White; running a printing shop in Brampton. Living on the homestead of his great grandfather in a

- house separated from the farm. Is Assistant Treasurer of the Clan. Children: Robert, Wendy, Edward, Susan.
- ANDREW McCLURE, son of Craig, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1923; married Eleanor Ward. Farming lot 10, 4th line west, Chinguacousy. Children: Jane, Kathryn, Doris.
- JOHN McCLURE, son of Craig, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1926. Living on the farm with his parents. Married ?.
- LORNA McCLURE, daughter of Craig, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. ?; married Stanley Steen. Children ?.
- BETTY McCLURE, daughter of Craig, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1934.
- JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1918; married Isobel Chandler. Living on lot 10, second line west, Chinguacousy. Children: John, Janice.
- SAMUEL McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Samuel, of James, of David, of David—b. 1922; living on lot 10, third concession west, Chinguacousy. He is Secretary of the Clan. Married Miss Alexander.
- DAVID McCLURE, son of Arnott, of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1922; d. 1953; married Patricia May Moore. Was undertaker in Brampton and Vice President of the McClure Clan. No children.

HE IS MOURNED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM
From the Brampton Conservator

Brampton was stunned last Friday to hear of the sudden and untimely death of one of its most beloved citizens. In the prime of his youth and on the crest of a brilliant career, David A. McClure died of a cerebral hemorrhage while holidaying with his wife at Acapoco Beach, Mexico. He was in his 31st year. "Dave," as his multitude of friends and business associates knew him, had been water skiing last Thursday. He lay down on the warm sands to rest. Later, as he proceeded to the cottage he was seized with the hemorrhage and died almost immediately.

His wife, the former Patricia Moore of Toronto, whom he married a year ago last October, telephoned the sad news home. The funeral was scheduled to have taken place yesterday, but due to complicated Mexican regulations there were delays and the remains did not reach Brampton until 2 a.m. yesterday.

Few, if any persons in Peel County were so popular or so universally liked as Dave McClure. He had an infectious smile and turned it on to all and sundry regardless of their station in life.

He was the driving force behind many of the ambitious public-minded projects undertaken by the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Order and other organizations in his home-town. But, next to furnishings establishment which his late father had founded and which he had guided to new heights of success. He had also been the guiding force in the development of the McClure funeral home.

With tremendous drive, he poured his enthusiasms and effort into the big expansion program of 1952 which culminated in the mammoth addition to the home furnishings store on Queen Street East. In fulfilling completion of that expansion program, he postponed his holidays until this trip to Mexico.

One could write chapters about the little heart-warming anecdotes his friends are telling about Dave in Brampton today. About the night, for example, when he sat with an aged woman, who had just lost her husband, and comforted her from 2 a.m. until dawn.

On Monday when the Lions Club met there was hardly a dry eye in the crowd as Alf Sutton played "Nearer My God to Thee" and in the two-minute silence of tribute to Dave, the men could scarcely believe that one so young was gone.

A further indication of the high esteem in which he was held was reflected by the voluminous floral tribute which flowed into the chapel yesterday and today.

This afternoon they're taking Dave away to join his forebears; the fourth generation of McClures in the family plot at Norval. The service is being conducted at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. William Weir, assisted by Rev. J. A. McDermid, a great personal friend of Dave and Pat.

The pallbearers are Jim McCracken, Gord Grogan,

Charlie Armstrong, Charlie Simmons, Bob McArter and Frank Early.

He is survived by his widow, his mother and two sisters, Harriet (Mrs. W. E. Beatty) and Lenore (Mrs. P. Harley) of Mamaroneck, New York.

HARRIET MCCLURE, daughter of Arnott, of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1918; married William Beatty. Living on Elizabeth Street S., Brampton. Children: Jane, Charles, Billie Beatty.

LENORA MCCLURE, daughter of Arnott, of David, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1919; married Charles Mackintosh, who gave his life for his country while serving in the Air Force in World War 2. She remarried R. Hurley. Living at Mamaroneck, N.Y. Children: ?.

KENNETH MCCLURE, son of Bert, of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1920. Living on lot 20, first line west, Chinguacousy; married Greta Curby, b. ?. Children: ?.

ALBERT J. MCCLURE, son of Bert, of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1923. Living on lot No. 20, first line west, Chinguacousy; married Miss Allen. One child.

IONE MCCLURE, daughter of Bert, of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1927; married John Austin, Brampton.

ELWOOD MCCLURE, son of Wilmore, of James, of Patrick, of James, of David, of David—b. 1916; living in B.C.; married Barbara McPhee.

There may be many more dates and names may be wrong. I do not claim they are all correct. T.A. McClure.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Samuel McClure Family

FIRST GENERATION
SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, born 1688, in Scotland, on a farm. Emigrated to Ireland in 1715. These dates may not be right but I believe they are. I believe he was married and some of his children were born in Scotland. I do not know who his wife was. Children: James, William, Thomas, Samuel, Mary, David.

SECOND GENERATION
SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, son of David—b. in Ireland 1720; married Mary Templeton. They had two daughters: Catherine (Kitty) and Martha McClure. Mary Templeton died and he then married Mary McMullen. Children: Thomas, Samuel, James.

THIRD GENERATION
SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of David, of David—b. in Ireland 1765 and d. in Ireland; married Mary Eccles. Children: James, Samuel, William, Elizabeth, Mariah, Jane.

Samuel died and his widow married Thomas McClure, a widower, who had a grown up family. They emigrated to Canada in 1827. Thomas's son, John, had gone to Canada in 1825. Thomas Sr. was not well while on the long journey and died the first night at his brother James' home. He was buried at Streetsville in what was known as the Scotch Cemetery. He was one of the first to be buried there. A stone marks the grave of this early emigrant.

FOURTH GENERATION SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1808 in Ireland; d. 1880; married Thomas McClure (recorded in Thomas McClure family). They were married in Ireland and came to Canada with other members of their families in 1827.

MARIA McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1812, in Ireland; d. 1876; married Henry Arnott. Children: Ann Jane, Mary, Samuel, Rachel, Sarah, James, Ester, Henry, Hannah, William John.

NANCY McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of David, of David—married John Chisholm. Children: Thomas, Samuel, Mary.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Nov. 28, 1810; d. 1887; married Ann Smith, b. 1817; d. 1901. Lived at Hillsburg. Children: Mary Jane, Isaac, Barbara, Elizabeth, Samuel, Benjamin, William James, Agnes. (This William was known as "Billie of the Burg").

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1819; d. 1883; married Mary Smith, a U.E.L.; b. 1823; d. 1901. Buried in fifth line Cemetery, near Huttonville. They lived on lot 1, fifth line, 6th concession west, Chinguacousy. Samuel was a Justice of the Peace. Children: Samuel, Ben, Darius, John, Jane. (*See pictures plate page VI.*)

JAMES McCLURE, son of Samuel, of David, of David—b. in Ireland 1815; came to Canada 1827; d. 1867; married Martha Wilson. Lived at Watford, Ontario. Children: William, Samuel, Joseph, James, Mary, Susan, Eliza, Martha, Jane, Maria.

FIFTH GENERATION SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; married Mary Morrow. They lived at ?. Children ?.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; single.

JOSEPH McCLURE, son of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married Mary White.

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; lived at ?; married Minnie Smith. Children: no record.

MARTHA McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married Holmes ?. Children: no record.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married Mr. Hillis. Children: no record.

MARIA McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?. Lived at Watford. Married James Wills. Children: Pearl, James Wills.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married P. Dods. Children: no record.

SUSAN McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married F. Kelly. Children: Pearl, Susan Kelly.

ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of James, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. ?; d. ?; married G. Willoby. Children ?.

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Aug. 15, 1842; d. 1919; buried at Union, Ontario; married John Leslie, b. ?; d. ?.

Children: William, Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Leslie.

ISAAC McCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Jan. 8, 1842; d. 1935; merchant at Paisley, Ontario; married Mary Ann May, b. ?; d. ?. Children: William, Smith, Ella, Frank.

BARBARA McCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1845; d. 1872; single; buried at Glen Williams, Ontario.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of David,

of David—b. Nov. 9, 1849; d. 1923; married Margaret McGillivary. Children: None grew up.

BENJAMIN McCCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1852; d. 1935; buried at Lucknow; married Rebecca Mallough, b. ?; d. ?. He was a merchant in Lucknow. Children: Jennie, Margaret, Austin, Edgar, Clarabel, Joseph.

WILLIAM McCCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Nov. 3, 1854; d. 1935; married Sara Ann Findlay, b. ?; d. ?. Lived at Lady Smith, Vancouver Island. Children: Myrtle, Alice, Grey.

AGNES ANN McCCLURE, daughter of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Nov. 26, 1856; d. 1945; married John Harvey. Lived at Acton, Ontario. Children: Jessie, Mary, Margaret, Agnes, Alva, Dorothy, Vera.

AUSTIN McCCLURE, son of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. June 24, 1859; d. ?. Lived at Indian Head. Married Alda Goodwillie, b. ?; d. ?. Children: Fred, Plewis, Gordon, Clarence, Lennie.

SAMUEL McCCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1858; d. 1912; farmed on lot 1, fourth concession west, Chinguacousy; m. Elizabeth Shields, b. 18??; buried in B.C. Children: Angus, Clark, Flossie, Hilliard, Lola, Gordon.

DARIUS McCCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1863, on a farm. He farmed for some time on lot 5, fifth line west, Chinguacousy. Later he owned and ran the Victoria Hotel in Brampton as a temperance house. He died here and was buried at Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. Darius was a member of the executive of the McClure Clan, being president in 1927; m. Melissa Hasard; b. 1864. Children: Frederic, Louva, Corine, Alma, Irene, Marlin.

BENJAMIN McCCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1865; d. 1949; buried at Chatham, Ont.; m. Margaret Reynolds. Farmed in Chinguacousy,

carpenter in Brampton. Later retired in Chatham. Children: Wreford, Lloyd, Rubert A., Delbert, Lila.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1870, on lot 2, fifth line west, Chinguacousy; d. 1944, buried in Brampton; m. Nell Smith; b. 18??; He farmed at lot 29, first concession east, First Line, Chinguacousy. Children: Donald, Victor, Hilliard, Doris, Aileen.

SIXTH GENERATION SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1866; d. 1920; m. Mary Dudgeon; b. 1870; d. 1951. They lived at Edmonton, Alta. Children: Lawrence, Ray, William, James, Margaret.

SMITH McCLURE, son of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1870; d. 1940; m. Mary Floyd; b. 1874; d. 1933. He was a merchant at Paisley and they are buried there. Children: Harvey, Walter, Lloyd, Martha, Helen, Mary.

ELLA McCLURE, daughter of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1868; d. 1851. Lived at and is buried at Paisley, Ont.; m. Dr. Grant; b. 18??; died 1916. Children: Austin, Harry, May.

FRANK McCLURE, son of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18??; d. 18?? Lived at Edmonton, Alta. Children: Charles, Frank, Mrs. F. Martin.

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of Ben, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1884; nurse at Niagara Falls, Ont.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Ben, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1886; d. 1949; m. W. G. Scott of Speirs, Saskatchewan.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Ben, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. May 21, 1887, at Acton, Ont. Station agent at Beadle, Sask.; m. Edna Gibson, m. 18??. Children: Alma, William, Austin, Edgar, Clarabell, Mabel, Joseph.

MYRTLE McCLURE, daughter of William, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18??; m. Dr. Hagey, of Kitchener.

ALICE McCLURE, daughter of William, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. ? Lived at Innisfall, Saskatchewan.

GREY McCLURE, son of William, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18?? No particulars given only that he lived at Ladysmith, Vancouver Island.

FRED McCLURE, son of Austin, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18??; d. 18??

PLEUVIS McCLURE, son of Austin, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18??, Vancouver, B.C.

GORDON McCLURE, son of Austin, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18?? California?

LENNIE McCLURE, son of Austin, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18?? Vernon, B.C.

ANGUS McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18?? on lot 1, third concession west, Chinguacousy. Gave his life in France in the war, 1918. I believe he had been in the trenches only a few hours when it happened. Another gone for our sake. I knew him well, having worked with him while building houses. I had slept with him quite often and I know he was a good boy. There was nothing rough about Angus McClure.

CLARK McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 18?? Lived in Vancouver.

LEOLA McCLURE, daughter of Samuel the third, of David, of David—b. 18?? Living in Vancouver; m. Farquar McRae.

HILLIARD McCLURE, son of Samuel the third, of David, of David—b. 1888; d. 1906, in Brampton.

LAWSON McCLURE, son of Samuel the third, of David, of David—b. 18??; d. 1912 in Edmonton.

FLOSSIE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel third, of David, of David; d. 1912 at Edmonton, Alta.

GORDON McCLURE, son of Samuel the third, of David, of David—b. 18?? Living in California.

FRED McCLURE, son of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1898, on lot 5, fifth line, concession 5 west, Chinguacousy. Is a doctor. Served in World War I for three years and served in World War II as Major for four and a half years. President of the Clan for 1952. Dr. Fred married Muriel King; b. 19?? Children: Nancy.

MARLIN McCLURE, son of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1901, fifth line west, Chinguacousy; living in Montreal; m. Helen Yielding; b. 19?? Children: Marilyn.

LOUVA McCLURE, daughter of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1890. Was Historian of the Clan for some time.

ALMA McCLURE, daughter of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1893; d. 1953; m. Thomas Dolson; b. 18?? Lived on lot 18, third line west, Chinguacousy. Children: Frank.

CORINE McCLURE, daughter of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1895. School teacher in Toronto. Living at 1936 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

IRENE McCLURE, daughter of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1892; d. 1928; m. Sholts Buck, of Toronto.

AILEEN McCLURE, daughter of John, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. June 1917; m. Herbert Weir of St. Catharines, Ont.

DONALD McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—m. Elsie Gowing. Living in Brampton. Children: Nora Jean.

VICTOR McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of Samuel, of

David, of David—b. July 13, 1915; m. Evelyn Snyder. Children: John, Gail, Carol.

HILLIARD McCLURE, son of John, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. July 13, 1915, being twin of his brother, Victor; m. Eliza McBride. Living at Bowmanville. Children: James, Jane.

DORIS McCLURE, daughter of John, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 19??; m. Arthur Savage. Children: Barbara, Wayne.

WREFORD McCLURE, son of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. July 30, 1895; m. Anabel Cation; lived at Chatham. Children: Bernice, Helen, Douglas.

LLOYD McCLURE, son of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. January 11, 1902; m. Living in Peterboro. Children: Doreen.

RUBERT McCLURE, son of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. July 14, 1908; m. Living at Peterboro. Children?

ADELBERT McCLURE, son of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. October 21, 1907; m. Living at Chatham. Children?

LILA McCLURE, daughter of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Sept. 1, 1906; m. Gordon Milne. Living at Chatham. Children: Ann, Keith.

SEVENTH GENERATION SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

NANCY McCLURE, daughter of Dr. Fred, of Darius, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 19??; m. Robert Garton, a teacher, living at 1500 Bathurst St., Toronto. Children: Robert Garton.

HELEN McCLURE, daughter of Wreford, of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Oct. 7, 1919; m. Alex. Duncan Morrison. Living at 12 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton. Children: Catherine, Douglas.

BERNICE McCLURE, daughter of Wreford, of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. March 2,

- 1917; m. Francis O'Neil. Living at 24 Phyliss Ave., Chatham. Children: Barbara, Helen, Margaret.
- DOUGLAS MCCLURE, son of Wreford, of Ben, of Samuel, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. Sept. 17, 1921.
- HARVEY MCCLURE, son of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. June, 1897, in Bruce County. Garage mechanic at Milverton, Ont.; m. Helen Kent; b. 19?? Children: Eleanor, Lawrence, Margaret, Elizabeth.
- LLOYD MCCLURE, son of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1915. Operates a garage at Paisley; m. Ida McAlister; d. 1943. Children: Shirley, Robert, Lorna.
- WALTER MCCLURE, son of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1909; garage operator at Paisley; m. Ila Dezell. Children: Mary.
- MARTHA MCCLURE, daughter of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1900; m. R. S. Nelson. Living at 482 Cosburn Ave., Toronto. Children: Catherine, Alma, Ruby, Nelson.
- HELEN MCCLURE, daughter of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1903; m. F. Gilchrist, R.R. No. 6, Lucknow, Ont. Children: John, Robert Gilchrist.
- MARIETTA MCCLURE, daughter of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1903; m. H. D. McCarthur. Living at 395 Woodbine Ave., Toronto. Children: Jane.
- LAWRENCE RAY MCCLURE, son of William, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1893; m. Annie Lawrence. Living at 11440, 86th St., Edmonton, Alta. Children: Wm. Arthur, Ruth, Maisie, Audrey, Helen, Ray.
- WILLIAM MCCLURE, son of William, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David. Living at 8514 80th Avenue, Edmonton, Alta. Children:

EIGHTH GENERATION SAMUEL McCLURE FAMILY

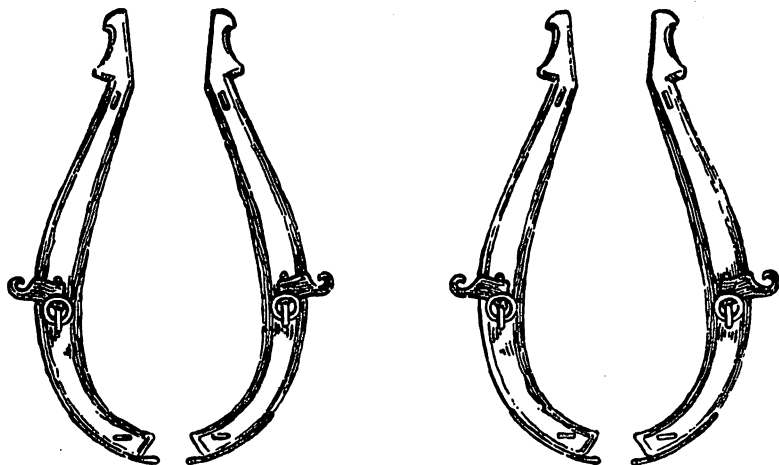
ELEANOR McCLURE, daughter of Harvey, of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1920; m. Clark Leilok. Children: Elaine, Helen.

LAWRENCE McCLURE, son of Harvey, of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1921; m. Helen Meyers, b. 1923. Children: Terry.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Harvey, of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1923; m. William Johnston. Children: William.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Harvey, of Smith, of Isaac, of William, of Samuel, of David, of David—b. 1925; m. Edward Decaire? Children: Edward.

All the above are descendants of David.



CHAPTER NINE

*The Lower James McClure Family**Seven Generations*

FIRST GENERATION

LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, brother of David; b. in Scotland 1690; m. in Scotland. Emigrated to Ireland in the year 1715, where he raised his family and was buried. We have no trace of who he married. Children: James, Thomas, Abraham, Andrew.

Very little is known of any except the youngest, Andrew. Some people say the McClures stole sheep in Scotland, so had to get out. There were McClures in Scotland in 1291 and in Ireland in 1606 and not one thief reported among them. I am told there are a few wolves in the Clan now, but as there seems to be plenty of wolf bane the wolves will not last long. I have been told recently that there are a great many of our people in Scotland yet, so they did not all steal sheep. I have also been told that there are McClures who were not always McClures in Scotland. The story says that Scotchmen who left home did not want to be known in Ireland so they gave themselves new names and while doing so they took a good name. That is where the saying, 'he who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals my name . . .' originated.

SECOND GENERATION

LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

ANDREW McCLURE, son of James McClure—b. Sept. 4, 1726, in Ireland, where he lived and died. No date given of death. I believe he was a farmer. Children: Elizabeth, Abraham, Andrew, Thomas, James, Jane.

I have not been able to get any definite trace of any of Andrew's brothers. No. 3 tells of James alone and the others are shown elsewhere.

THIRD GENERATION

LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, son of Andrew, of James—b. 1775 in Ireland; d. in Canada 1849; buried at Streetsville, Ont.; m. Catherine McClure, who was his second cousin and half sister of Upper James. They were both born in County Antrim, Ireland. Emigrated to Canada 1820, settling on lot 12, fourth concession west, Toronto Township. Some years before this they started out and were forced back again. Some say they were shipwrecked, so they had to start all over again. They finally found themselves, after months of hard work, in the solid bush without a soul to help them do a thing, so they got busy themselves. (God helps those who help themselves). James was then 55 years old. Miss May McClure describes the arrival of James and Kitty very well in a report of one of our reunions, which is given in the Upper James History. Children: David, Jane, Hannah, James, Mary, John McClure.

FOURTH GENERATION

LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland 1815; came to Canada with his parents in 1820; d. 1902; m. Ester McClure, daughter of Upper James; b. 1823; d. 1907; buried at Churchville Cemetery. Lived on the homestead of his father, James. Ester's brother, Samuel, married Mary, sister of James. Children: David, James, Samuel, Mary Jane, Ester, Catherine, Sarah McClure.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland 1817; d. 1842; single? This is not complete. Information, please?

MARY McCLURE, daughter of James, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland 1804; d. 1877; m. Samuel McClure; b. 1801; d. 1881. Buried at Streetsville, Ont. Samuel is recorded in the Upper James family.

JOHN McCLURE, son of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1809, in Ireland; d. 1881; buried at Hornby, Ont.; m. Mary Jane McClure, daughter of John, son of Andrew; d. 1879 and buried at Hornby, Ont. They lived on the sixth line west, lot 14, Toronto Township. Children: John, Kate, Mary Jane, Hannah, James, Martha, Joseph, Samuel, Edith.

FIFTH GENERATION LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of James, of Andrew, of James McClure—b. 1855; d. 1934; m. Mary Dale; b. 1859; d. 1891. They are buried at Streetsville. They lived in Trafalgar Township, Halton County. Children: Lindsay, William, Elizabeth.

DAVID McCLURE, son of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1857; d. 1944; buried at Elk Horn, Manitoba; m. Sadie Anthony; b. 1867. Lived on sixth line west for 20 years and at Elk Horn for 33 years. Children: Herbert, Nellie, Grace, Rolla, Elva, William, Edgar McClure.

KITTY McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1851; d. 1935; m. George Wilson; b. 1851; d. 1916. They are buried at Churchville. They lived on lot 13, third concession west, Third Line, Toronto Township. Children: Maud, Mabel, Alice, James, Ellery Wilson.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1860; d. 1938; m. S. Reeves; b. 1856; d. 1943. They are buried at Churchville. Lived on lot 11, third concession west, Toronto Township. Children: Fred, Thomas, Shirley Reeves.

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1853; d. 1891. Single.

ESTER McCLURE, daughter of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1866; d. 1872.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1863; d. 1949; buried in Churchville Cemetery; m. Bessie Gerrard; b. in Scotland, 1877; d. 1951; buried in the new cemetery at Streetsville. Children: Bessie.

Samuel lived on the homestead of his grandfather, James, who settled there in 1820, when all was solid bush. He was the first McClure to settle in Peel County. Our first reunion was held on this old homestead and was, I believe, the greatest thing of its kind ever held.

This being our first attempt of a family reunion there were a great many invitations sent out, and they came from far east, west, north and south. It started early in the morning and continued all day until late at night. The Brampton Brass Band (all members being present) as well as a Scottish band was there all day and an orchestra in the evening for the dance. Oh, what a day and no headaches either. Although it cost about seven hundred dollars we were not in the red.

William Garfield was President, David James was Treasurer and Samuel James was Secretary.

We met relations that day for the first time and now, after thirty years, we are good friends still and they are among our very best friends. That first reunion was the beginning of many grand days to follow for the McClure family and we try to make each reunion better than the last. We are now an international organization and have the names of McClures and some of their history from coast to coast in Canada, the U.S.A., Scotland, Ireland and England.

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1856; d. 1899; m. Mary Lyons. Was a hotel-

keeper at Grand Valley. Children: John, Merle, Lyons, Edna, Gladys McClure.

KATE MCCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1861; d. 1878; m. Samuel Alexander. Buried at Hornby. Children: Dan, Jean Alexander.

HANNAH MCCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1859; d. 18??; m. W. Alexander; b. 18??; d. 18??; buried at Hornby.

JOSEPH MCCLURE, son of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1866; d. 18?? Single.

MARY MCCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of Andrew, of James; b. 1859; d. 18??; m. W. Hillis; b. 18??. Children: Melville, Violet, Maud, McClure, Joseph, Irwin, Edith Hillis.

JAMES MCCLURE, son of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1863; d. 18??; m. Miss Benett; b. 18??. Children: John, Gladys, Edna McClure.

EDITH MCCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1874; d. 1954. Lived at Norval, Ont. Miss Edith was the last of her generation.

SIX GENERATION

LOWER JAMES MCCLURE FAMILY

HERBERT MCCLURE, son of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1893; m. 18??. Children: Lyle McClure.

NELLIE MCCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1894; m. F. Walker; b. 1887; d. 1948. Lived in Vancouver, B.C. Children:

GRACE MCCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1896; m. T. Craig, of Montreal. Children: William, Craig.

ROLLA MCCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1891; m. W. Lund, Virden, Manitoba. Children: Norman, Keith, Morris Lund.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1900; living at Elk Horn, Manitoba. Married twice. Children: David.

ELVA McCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1902; m. Wes. Gilbert. Living at Stratford, Ont. Children: Ronald, John Gilbert.

EDGAR McCLURE, son of David, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1907; living at Abbotsford, B.C. Married? Children?

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18??. Living at?

EDNA McCLURE, daughter of John, of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18??. Living some place in the West.

MERLE McCLURE, son of John, of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18??.

GLADYS McCLURE, daughter of John, of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18??

JAMES McCLURE, son of James, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1884; d. 1947; m. Julia Hanson. Lived at Red Deer, Alberta.

LINDSAY McCLURE, son of James, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1885; d. 1952; m. Matilda Campbell; b. 1889. Lived at 25 Elgin St., Collingwood. Children: James Lindsay, Mary Dale, Martha Elizabeth McClure.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of James, of James, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18?? Living at Markdale, Ont. Children: James.

SEVENTH GENERATION LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY

LYONS McCLURE, son of John, of John, of John, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. 18?? Living in Toronto. Children:

FOURTH GENERATION
LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY
DAVID McCLURE BRANCH

DAVID McCLURE, son of James, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland 1801; d. 1876. Came to Canada in 1820; m. Jane Chesney; b. 1812, in Ireland; d. 1898. They are buried in Brampton Cemetery. They lived on lot 4, First Line West, Chinguacousy. David was 19 years old when he and his parents and other members of his family came to Canada and helped clear the land on the homestead at Churchville. When David came to the new land he left behind him in Ireland a sweetheart, Jane McMeekin. After some years he returned to Ireland to claim Jane as his wife. He made the trip when work was slack on the farm, walking on foot from Churchville to New York. From there he sailed to his boyhood home. Jane was pleased to see him again, but her mother objected very strongly to her daughter leaving home and Jane refused to come to America.

David was not to take this long trip in vain so he courted and won Jane Chesney as his bride. They began their pioneer life on lot 4, First Line West, near Brampton, where they raised a large family of sons and daughters. (This story is told by Miss Emma McClure, a grand-daughter). Children: James, Robert, David, George, William, John, Eliza, Mary Jane, Catherine, Hannah.

FIFTH GENERATION
LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY
DAVID McCLURE BRANCH

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1850; d. 1882; m. William Fletcher; b. 18?? They lived on lot 7, First Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: William, four others died very young.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of

Andrew, of James—b. 1833; d. 1855; buried at Churchville; m. William Graham; buried in the old Graham Cemetery on Centre Road. No children.

HANNAH McCCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1840; d. 1887; m. William Whitehead. They are buried in Brampton Cemetery. No family.

CATHERINE McCCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1831; m. James McClure of the Upper James Family and are reported there.

JAMES McCCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1835; d. 1881; m. Eliza Ewart; b. 18??; d. 18?? Farmer, lot 3, Second Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Samuel, David, John, Hannah, Jane.

ROBERT McCCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1837; d. 1903; m. Ann Oliver; b. 1834; d. 1907. They are buried in Brampton. Farmer, lot 4, Second Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Charlotte, Annie, Chesney, Oliver, David.

JOHN McCCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1884; d. 1921; m. Matilda Thompson; b. 1858; d. 1921. Buried in Brampton. Lived on Main Street South, Brampton. Children: Ethel.

John McClure was treasurer of the Presbyterian Church for some time and his annual report was something to remember. Figures are supposed to be dry but his jokes mixed in with his report were real good. Once he said things were going along smoothly but backwards like the crab.

DAVID McCCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1842; d. 1923; m. Mary McClure; b. 1843; d. 1927. Buried in Brampton Cemetery. Farmer, lot 7, First Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Jennie, Sadie, Emma.

David McClure was one of my best friends. For a great many years he taught a class of young men in the Brampton Presbyterian Sunday School and was a good friend to every one of them, helping to make good men of them all. Although he worked hard every day of the week he seldom missed church, morning and evening and Sunday School in the afternoon. His home was a grand place to visit for both young and old. The young McClures spent many a jolly evening there and in his wife he had a grand helper.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1853; d. 1938; m. Margaret Burnett; b. 1862; d. 1931. They are buried in Brampton Cemetery. He lived on the homestead of his father, David, until he retired in Toronto. Children: Alfred, May, Wallace.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1847; d. 1898. He was a doctor; m. Bell Mitchel; b. 18??; d. 18?? They lived in the U.S.A. Children: Jennie and Mary, twins.

SIXTH GENERATION

LOWER JAMES McCLURE FAMILY DAVID McCLURE BRANCH

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1865; d. 18??; buried at Lethbridge. Single. He was born in Chinguacousy.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1864; d. 1918. Buried at Lethbridge. Single. She was born in Chinguacousy.

HANNAH McCLURE, daughter of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1867. Single. Living in Brampton.

JOHN McCLURE, son of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1876; m. Grisella Fuller; b. 18?? They lived on his father's farm, lot 4, Second Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Holley, Jean.

DAVID J. McCLURE, son of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1869; d. 1950; m. Mary McCall; b. 18???. He lived on lot 4, Second Line West, Chinguacousy, near Brampton. David was an Elder of the Brampton Presbyterian Church and Clerk of the Session for a long time. He was faithful to his God and his Church. He was also the Treasurer of the McClure Clan from when it started until near his death. Children: Janet.

OLIVER McCLURE, son of Robert, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1864; d. 18??. He was born on the Second Line West; m. Gertrude Shartleff; b. 18??. They lived in the U.S.A. Children:

CHESNEY McCLURE, son of Robert, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1872; d. 1915; born on Second Line West, Chinguacousy; m. Elizabeth Stewart; b. 18??. He was a dentist, practising in Lethbridge. Children: Ann.

DAVID McCLURE, son of Robert, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1875; d. 1897. Single. Buried in Brampton Cemetery.

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1870; d. 1919; m. Duncan Stewart; b. 18??. Children: Gordon, John, Marjory, Anna Stewart.

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of David, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1872; d. 1950. Born on lot 7, First Line West, Chinguacousy. Buried in Brampton Cemetery; m. Henry Oliver; b. 18??. Lived in Alberta. Retired in Brampton. Children: McClure, David, Mary.

SADIE McCLURE, daughter of David, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1874, on First Line West, Chinguacousy. Single. Living in Brampton.

EMMA McCLURE, daughter of David, of David, of James,

of Andrew, of James—b. 1876, on lot 7, First Line West, Chinguacousy. Retired school teacher. Single.

ETHEL McCLURE, daughter of John, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1887; m. Russel Murdock; b. 18??; d. 18??. Lived at Kapuskasing. Now in Brampton. Children: Stewart, Hunter, Willis.

MAY McCLURE, daughter of George, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1889; d. 1939; buried in Brampton. May wrote a report of the reunion of 1935, which is given in the Upper James Family.

ALFRED McCLURE, son of George, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1890; Farmed on the homestead of his grandfather, David. Now living in Toronto; m. Jessie Campbell; b. 18??. Children: Chesney McClure.

WALLACE McCLURE, son of George, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1892 on the homestead of his grandfather, David. For some time he was a Medical Missionary in China and came through some very trying experiences; m. Rita Bernath; b. 18??. Children: Verna McClure.

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of William, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1879; d. 18??. m. John Stewart; b. 18??. Dentist in Lethbridge. Children:

MARY McCLURE, daughter of William, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1879; d. 1950. Mary and Jennie were twins; m. James Peat; b. 18??. Lived in Alberta. Children: Isabel, Wilfred Peat.

JEAN McCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1905; m. Robert Sterrit; b. 18??. Children: Neil, Ross Sterrit.

HOLLY McCLURE, son of John, of James, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1913. Single. Living on the farm of his grandfather, lot 3, Second Line West, Chinguacousy.

JANET McCLURE, daughter of David, of James, of David,

- of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1911. Single. Secretary-stenographer, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.
- CHESNEY McCLURE, son of Alfred, of George, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. 1922, in Toronto; m. Mary Koning; b. 18???. He served his country overseas in World War II. Children: Juliana McClure.
- VERNA McCLURE, daughter of Dr. Wallace, of George, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. in Kongmoon, China, Sept. 9, 1924; m. Keith E. Lachance. Living at 698 Rosevelt Ave., Ottawa. Children: Karen Louise, Robert Keith Lachance.
- ANN McCLURE, daughter of Chesney, of Robert, of David, of James, of Andrew, of James—b. December 1, 1911; m. John Maclachlan; b. 18??. Chilliwack, B.C. They live at 23 Woodbine St., Chilliwack, B.C. Children: Catherine, John Maclachlan.

FIRST GENERATION

ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY

ABRAM BRANCH

DAVID and JAMES; b. in Scotland; emigrated to Ireland.

SECOND GENERATION

ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY

ABRAM BRANCH

Descendants of David are the Upper James and Samuel Families.

Descendants of James are the Lower James Family. DAVID's family were James, William, Samuel, Mary, David. JAMES' family were James, Thomas, Abram, Andrew.

We know very little of any of the above except of David and Andrew, who were first cousins. David's daughter, Catherine, married James, son of Andrew, her second cousin. They were the first to come to Canada, and are known as Lower Jimmie and Kitty. This shows that there was only one generation born and died in Ireland and that is all the Irish that is in us.

THIRD GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ABRAM BRANCH

ABRAM, son of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland 1760; d. 18??, in Ireland; m. Mary McClure, his half cousin, daughter of David, sister of Kitty (Catherine). Abram was brother of Lower James, Thomas and Andrew. Children of Abram and Mary: Abram, Joseph, Samuel, Hannah, Betty, Sarah. This family did not come to Canada but lived and died in Ireland.

FOURTH GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ABRAM BRANCH

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. Isabella Craig; b. 18??. They lived and died in Ireland. Children: Mary, Margaret, Eliza, Hannah, Sarah, and two boys who died when children.

FIFTH GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ABRAM BRANCH

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 1843; d. 1927; m. David McClure, son of David and Jane Chesney. Reported in Lower James' family (David Branch). Children: Jennie, Sadie, Emma.

ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Abram, of Andrew, of James; m. William McClure. Reported in Upper James' family. Children: Samuel, Mary, Maggie, Sarah, William, David.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—m. John McClure, son of Samuel (reported in Upper James' family). Sarah was b. 1851 in Ireland; d. 1936. Children: Samuel, William, Minnie, John, Craig, Bell.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Abram, of

Andrew, of James—b. 18?? in Ireland; m. Rev. Brown, living in the U.S.A. Children: Truman, William, Walter, John Brown.

HANNAH McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. John Little; b. 18?? Lived in New York. Children: Mathew, Samuel, Hannah, Rebecca, Isabel, Mary, Sarah.

FOURTH GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ANDREW BRANCH

ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1832 in Ireland; d. 1912; b. at Glenwilliams, Ontario, with her husband, James Graham; b. 18??. Children: George, Thomas, David, Mary Alberta, Sarah Graham.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1820; d. 18??; m. William Johnson; b. 18??. Children: Thomas, William, Annie, Martha, Eliza Johnson.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1782; d. 1858; m. Sally Morrow; b. 18??. They are buried in the Old Cemetery at Streetsville. They lived on lot 11, Fourth Line West, fifth concession, Toronto Township. Children: Jane, Thomas, Andrew, Mary, Ester, Sarah McClure.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18?? in Ireland; m. 18??. Children: Jane, Joseph, Mary, Hannah.

FIFTH GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ANDREW BRANCH

ESTER McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??. d. 18??. m. James Laird; b. 18??. He ran a planing mill and lumber yard in Brampton for many years. Children:

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of

Andrew, of James—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Laird Fraser; b. 18??.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. John McClure of the Upper James family.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. George Leslie; b. 18??. Lived on lot 12, Fourth Line West, Toronto Township. Children: Isabel Leslie.

THOMAS McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1858; d. 1930; buried at Streetsville new cemetery; m. Miss Featherstone; b. 18??. Lived on lot 11, Fourth Line West, Toronto Township.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Wesley Millar; b. 18??. Information please.

JOSEPH McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Mary Morrow; b. 18!!; d. 18!!. Children: Jane, Thomas Andrew, Mary, John, Sarah Helen.

SIXTH GENERATION
ANDREW McCLURE FAMILY
ANDREW BRANCH

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1867; d. 1942. Single.

THOMAS A. McCLURE, son of Joseph, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1868; d. 1928.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1870; d. 1934. Single.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Joseph, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1873. Living at Acton. Is a traveller. Single.

SARAH HELEN McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of James—b. 1877; m. Mr. Hurst.

CHAPTER TEN

*The Long John McClure Family**Eight Generations*

AMONG the early settlers there were many very strong men. One young man at the time the Credit Valley Railroad was being built between Brampton and Edmonton was a lover of music, so he went along the track one Sunday when the men were away and lifted a steel rail on to a stump and pounded it with a stone which made a great noise. By hitting it in different positions he got different sounds. But alas poor John was heard by the road foreman who came and stopped him and his music. It took three men to put the steel back again. John was really strong.

Some early settlers of this district had a very lonely time. As many of them were from towns and more thickly populated districts and had worked in factories. I heard of one family who lived alone and had just one little boy and as he never saw any children he played with the dog and became like it in many ways. You know that we become like our companions? One day a new neighbour sent one of their small boys to this home to get a change of yeast. You know everybody had to do that once in a while. Yeast was used to make bread; not beer. This boy saw the man near the shanty so he went to him and he took him to his wife. There was no door on this home; just a deer skin over the opening. As soon as this boy whose name was Mathew was shown into the house the dog and the other boys were after him but the mother kicked both the dog and the other boy (whose name was Jack) under the bunk; but while Mathew sat on the edge of the bunk young Jack bit him on the calf of the leg. The mother used

her toes on the boy and ordered him to behave. She said "Sure you are worse than the dog." Mathew got the yeast and had the marks of the teeth in his leg when he was quite an old man.

Jake and Conroy Shook were among the first to come to Peel and were among the first to take up land in Chinguacousy; settling on lot 13, third concession west. Although they did not get the deed of the farm until 1827. They had come from Pennsylvannia and were of Dutch descent. Conroyd was called "Coon Shook." They had lived in the open so long, they were just as good hunters as the Indians. They hunted from Lake Ontario to the Georgian Bay. They were great fishermen. They could make canoes or axe handles or anything out of wood.

When they came to these parts they could go from the mainland to what is now the Island on foot. I remember Jake Shook, "Grandpap" as he was called, as he lay on his deathbed. The neighbors used to help each other in those days, and as my parents were sitting up one night I recall my father lifting up the bedding and telling my mother Grandpap's feet were cold.

This old man was quite a doctor. I recall my mother telling him that brother Jim and I had a rash and she was afraid it was measles; so Grandpop had to have Jim's pants let down and his shirt pulled up so he could see it; but he said it was just a rash and told mother what to do about it. This was about the year 1879. This old man was born about the year 1789 and came to Canada when a very young man.

In those days they made their own bullets of lead and often hunted the bullet and used it over again. Once Jake Shook shot a deer seven wolves and a bear with one bullet. At last the bullet hit a maple tree and he lost it. I have seen lead shot in boards that had been shot into the trees and the saw split the shot and made them shine.

We can hardly believe that many of our dried up

streams had lots of good fish in them. Jake Shook had a son, John Henry, who lived on the homestead, and he also was very fond of hunting and fishing, and used to go to the Credit River near Port Credit and get wagon loads of fish called Suckers of which he ate a great many. He used to cook sparrows and black squirrels together in the same pot.

FIRST GENERATION

LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, brother of David, b. 1690 in Scotland; m. in Scotland and emigrated to Ireland. Some of his family were born in Scotland and some in Ireland. We do not know who James married. Children: James, Thomas, Abraham (Abram), Andrew.

I have not been given the exact dates of birth of any of these but that of Andrew, whose birth is recorded in an old Family Bible, now owned by one of the Great Great Grandsons now in British Columbia. The record shows Andrew was born in Ireland on September 14, 1726.

SECOND GENERATION

LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

ANDREW McCLURE, son of James—b. Sept. 14, 1726, in Ireland; d. ?; m. ?. Children: Elizabeth, Abraham, Andrew, Thomas, James, Jane.

THIRD GENERATION

LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, son of James—b. in Ireland about the year 1769. No further record of her.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, son of James—b. in Ireland about the year 1762. No further record of her.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Andrew, son of James—this James was known as Lower James and is described in No. 3.

ABRAHAM MCCLURE, son of Andrew, son of James—b. in Ireland about the year 1785; m. Mary McClure, daughter of David. They lived in Ireland (reported in detail in the Andrew McClure family—Abram Branch). Children: Abraham, Joseph, Samuel, Hannah, Betty, Sarah.

ANDREW MCCLURE, son of Andrew, son of James—b. in Ireland about the year 1765. Married and lived in Ireland. Children: Thomas, John.

THOMAS MCCLURE, son of Andrew, son of James—b. Monday, April 8, 1763, in Ireland; d. 1827; buried at Streetsville, Ontario. Married Jean Brown, who died in Ireland. Children: Thomas, John, Andrew, Hannah, Jane. After Jean Brown died Thomas married Mary Eccles, widow of Samuel McClure, who is reported in Samuel McClure No. 2. There were no children to the second marriage of Thomas. Children of Samuel were: Samuel, William, James, Maria, Elizabeth, Jane.

John of the first family came to Canada in 1825 and the rest came in 1827. Thomas Sr. was sick on the way over and died on the first night at his brother's home. Before he died he enquired about the church and gave his lines to James to look after. James, I believe, was an elder at Streetsville (Scotch Church). (*For picture see plate page IV.*)

FOURTH GENERATION LONG JOHN MCCLURE FAMILY

JANE MCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland April 15, 1815; m. James Magill. Children: Eliza, Jane, Mary, Hannah, James, Nancy Magill.

THOMAS MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1800; d. 1888; m. Elizabeth McClure, his step sister, in Ireland. They had one child in Ireland and then came to Canada with his father and her mother, who

were married. Children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Jane, Thomas, John, James, William, Mary, Andrew, Sarah Ann, David. (*For pictures see plate page V.*)

ANDREW MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland, 25 Aug., 1802; emigrated to Canada in 1827. He left the boat in New York and other than one letter from him was not heard of since.

JOHN MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland, Feb. 25, 1799 (Monday). Came to Canada in 1825. Settled on lot 11, third line, fourth concession W., Chinguacousy; d. 1875; buried at Home Church Cemetery; m. the widow Blackstock, daughter of James Scott, b. 1806 in Ireland; d. 1872. She had three small girls by her first marriage. They were Margaret Blackstock, who became Mrs. Patrick McClure; Susan Blackstock, who became Mrs. Stewart Mundel; Abigail Blackstock, who became Mrs. James McCulloch. Children: Eliza, Sarah, Jane, Thomas, James, John, Andrew, Joseph.

HANNAH MCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland on Wednesday, May 8, 1811; m. James Magill. They lived on lot 9, fourth concession west, fifth line, Chinguacousy. Children: Eliza, Jane, Mary, Hannah, Nancy, William, James Magill. The Magills, McKinneys and McClures came to Canada on the same boat in 1827.

JAIN MCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland, on Sunday, 21 April, 1805. Single. I have found the name Jane spelled Jain. I do not know whether it is a mistake in spelling or not. If it is I have plenty more.

From here on the family of John, known as Long John, who lived at Mt. Pleasant, will be shown.

SOME INTERESTING FAMILY SIDELIGHTS

John's children were all born at Mt. Pleasant. They went to school at the second line corner. John McClure

was treasurer of his church for many years yet he kept no books. He kept all the money in a wooden box under his bed. He and his children were very trustworthy. [The Minister in Ireland wrote that the McClures were honest and John lived up to that testimonial.

Shortly after John McClure settled on his farm, about the year 1829, he gave a piece of land to the Presbyterian Church. Very soon there was trouble among some of the churches as they had no deed to their land. John sold his land and gave a deed in 1843, for which he received five shillings. This log church was replaced by a brick building in 1862. Still later in 1902 it was replaced by a better one. In 1925 it changed to a United Church, was burned, rebuilt, and closed in 1950 after 80 years of service. Love can remove mountains and build a church.

The first log church was lit by tallow candles and heated by an open fireplace. It was the duty of one man to look after the candles and the proper snuffing of them was a real job and had to be attended to by an experienced hand. Some had brass snuffers, which worked like a pair of scissors. These snuffers cut off the burned part and caught it in a little box or pouch on one of the blades. If candles were not snuffed properly they made a very bad odour. Some people used scissors and some did it with their fingers and wiped them on their long boot legs as all men and boys wore hand made boots in those days. They did not have rubber boots and didn't need them as their boots were waterproof, always being well greased and blackened with lamp black. I had long leather boots when a boy. I remember my first pair and how I came to get them. Oh! They had red tops and brass toes and they were all mine. I was told to go into the parlour to chase out a cat and there by the stove they were. It was Christmas morning. I forgot all about the old cat. I just pulled them on and came out to Mother a very proud boy. I wore them for a year and they always fitted me.

This John was a very quiet, young man. Before he was married he and a neighbour lived together for a while. After some time Davey got fed up with working outside and then coming in to the house to get meals when tired and hungry. So he told John that he thought it was time they should be getting themselves a wife. John thought so too, but who could they get. He could not think of anyone but Widow Blackstock but they thought, as she had three little girls, she might not be satisfactory. After a few days Davey brought the wife business up again and as neither of them could think of anybody but the Widow they decided to get her. John thought Davey should go to see her as he was the business man of the pair but Davey said John was the oldest and he thought John should try first anyway. So John dressed up in their good suit (they had but one suit between them and as Davey was the business man of the pair the suit fitted him better than it did John). The sleeves were a little short and so were the pants but he put them in his boots so they did not show, and with his nice white dickey and satin vest he looked real fine, Davey said. So away John struck out early in the evening, in all his finery, to see the young Widow. But as he had not done any courting before he did not get on very well. He found he liked the children very much and the Widow was real nice to him also, but when he saw it was eight o'clock he apologized for having kept them up so late. He bade her good bye and she asked him to come again. So off he went home to be met by Davey, who wanted to know how he made out. Would she take him? Poor John had to acknowledge he had not even asked her. This was awful, wasting a good part of the afternoon and a whole evening and he had not asked her. "Why, John, you must have taken leave of your senses entirely." "What ever will we do now?" John was very sorry and said Davey should go to see her. So after a few more days batching, Davey dressed up in the good suit and went to see the Widow and to see what she was capable of doing. He also

wanted to see what it cost to keep the small girls and what they could do to help in the house. But she was not very friendly with him and he also left about eight o'clock. John met him at the gate and started to ask him how he made out. Davey soon told him that he did not think she would suit them. So they went back to batching again. In a few days the wife question came up again and after a lot of talking John decided to go and see her again as he had been asked back and Davey had not. Believe it or not, Davey got out and the Widow and children came in. So the young Widow Blackstock became Mrs. McClure.

Perhaps this story is not all exactly as told, but most of it is.

John had a yoke of oxen and he was to take a sleigh load of young people to an entertainment at Norval Presbyterian Church. He got them off real early but when they came to the hill at Lairds, near Norval, it was a glare of ice and as his oxen were not shod he was afraid to go down the hill. James Scott, his father-in-law was in the load and he said if he had his old Buckan and Bright they would go down the hill or he would know why. So back they all went and got the Scot oxen and away they went. When they came to the hill Scott put the whip to his oxen and they started down. The oxen soon fell and the sleigh, oxen and all landed in a heap at the bottom of the hill. Then the oxen scrambled up the other hill and got there in time for the entertainment, thanks to Scott's oxen and big whip. And more whip and the oxen got them home again. John's oxen were too fat and John would not risk hurting them.

John McClure and Joseph Hunter were brothers-in-law. They thought they would get a new waggon, just a little better than the common plank or solid wheels, something with spokes. So off they went one morning bright and early with John's oxen. I do not know where they went but they were away one night and got back to Mt. Pleasant the second evening all covered with mud, and

without a waggon. They had got stuck in the mud and as the oxen were tired they lay down and refused to pull any more. The boys at the corner had a good laugh at them. However, they went back in the morning and found that a root had got in the wheel down in the mud and held them tight. The neighbors said that such waggons were all right for down on the front street but the old ones were better around Mt. Pleasant. That waggon was used for over fifty years. I remember seeing part of it when I was a boy. The spokes were jigged in the hubs instead of being in a straight line and the hubs were very big. The mud hole referred to was just east of where the C.P.R. crosses No. 7 Highway and was really bad.

Here is another interesting waggon story. When the Grand Trunk Railroad was being built the railroad employed a lot of local labor, both horses and men. All the earth from the cuts was hauled to the grades by waggons. As very few farmers had suitable waggons the railroad supplied them with the proper outfits, which the farmers were allowed to buy when through with the job. John (Long John) bought one and gave it to his son, Thomas, who was my father and he gave it to his son, John. After serving two generations, Douglas put the wheels on a grader. So you can see it was good when new.

FIFTH GENERATION

LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1833; d. 1910; buried at Lindsay, Ontario; m. John Carrol, b. ?; d. ?; Children: John, William, James, Joseph, Margaret, Mary Ellen Carrol.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1835; d. 1848; buried at Home Church or Alloa Cemetery. Single.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of John, son of Thomas, of

Andrew, of James—b. 1846; d. 1872; buried at Alloa Cemetery. Single.

THOMAS MCCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. June 19, 1837; d. March, 1903; m. Janet Moore, b. 1842; d. 1913. Her parents were U.E.Ls. They are buried in the Alloa Cemetery. Children: Frances, John, James, Thomas, Alexander, Bert, Bertha.

JAMES MCCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Wednesday, 19th June, 1839; d. 1887; m. Christene Leslie, b. 1846; d. 1943. They lived on a farm when first married, later coming to Brampton. Children: Sadie, Jennie, Leslie, Earnest, Lawson, Margaret McClure.

JOHN MCCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Thursday, July 19, 1841; d. 1891; buried in Alloa Cemetery. Married Jane Hunter, b. 1854; d. 1928; buried in Brampton Cemetery. Children: Arthur, Herbert, May, Norman, John, Ethel McClure. Lived on the homestead of his father. Had one of the first Jersey herds of cattle in Peel so became known as Jersey John.

ANDREW MCCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Sunday, Oct. 29, 1843; d. 1937 in Vancouver, where he had lived; m. Hannah Arnel, b. 1844; d. 1888. Children: Herbert, Walter.

Andrew McClure married the second time to Mary Ford, b. ?; d. ? in Vancouver. He went to Manitoba in 1861, when 18 years old, and never came back. There were no roads at that time and he went with a few others who were going. They went through the U.S.A. as far as the Red River Valley, then up the river and settled on a farm at Meadowlea, Manitoba. He said sometimes they travelled by Shanks mare, sometimes by ox cart and by boat. A cousin went with him but only stopped a day or two and then struck back again. The round trip took a whole summer. This cousin came back to the old home of his father and never was known to go very far away from

it again. Andrew, after living in Manitoba a few years, moved to Saskatchewan and later to Victoria, B.C. There he had a fruit farm at R.R. No. 1, Royal Oak, where he and his second wife died and are buried. Although Andrew was only 18 when he went west he had taken a great interest in all Sunday School work and wherever he went he started a Sunday School. He was an Elder in the Church, a Justice of the Peace, a sober non-smoker. In a letter he told me that there used to be a saying that when a man smoked there was a little fool at one end and a little smoke at the other. But if everyone who smokes now was a fool where would we find a wise person. I have several beautiful letters from him written after he was ninety. He was greatly interested in our reunion and would like to be able to attend. He hopes we would all meet in Heaven where all the Clan may gather. Andrew was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief but nevertheless he kept his whistle.

JOSEPH MCCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 25, 1849; d. 1916, at Nelson, B.C.; m. Ann Wilkinson, b. 1851; d. 1926. Both are buried at Nelson, B.C. Children: Alice, Roland, Josie, who were born in Brampton, Foster, Nellie, born in Manitoba.

Joseph went to Brampton High School. He taught school at Springbrook for some time. They lived in a house on the corner of Mill and David Streets in Brampton. Joseph went to Manitoba in 1880 and took up a homestead near Meadowvale. Some of the friends were a bit critical about him taking a piano but it soon proved to be a great blessing and became a real home builder. No amount of money could have brought or paid for the good that piano did. It was the only piano for miles around and many a sing song was held in that little home. After a few years of homesteading, he moved to Winnipeg and operated a printing business and retired to Nelson, B.C. He composed

the following story and poem:

TO THE MEMORY OF A DEPARTED
MOTHER AND SISTER

*By Joseph McClure
Son and Brother*

Jane, the youngest daughter of John McClure, Senr., Orchard House, Mount Pleasant, Ontario, was born on the 23rd of January, 1846, and died on the 11th day of May, 1872, age 26 years.

Sarah, the daughter of the late James Scott, Senr., and the beloved wife of John McClure, Senr., was born in the County of Armagh, Ireland, on the 2nd of June, 1806, and died at Mount Pleasant, on the 7th day of October, 1872, age 66 years.

She died from injuries received by being thrown from a buggy, on the 12th of December, 1871. She had both her legs broken, her collar bone and several of her ribs, and was otherwise severely injured; but by careful medical attendance, and the constant care of kind friends and neighbours, who loved the sufferer tenderly, and watched by times day and night for months at her bedside, and more especially by the self-denying attentions of her daughter Jane, she survived this terrible shock for almost a year.

Jane, who was her youngest and only unmarried daughter, stood all that winter at her mother's pillow; but when the May flowers were blossoming in the woods, over-anxiety and midnight watching had done its work, and this little angel, in human form, was carried from her post and confined to bed; and, alas, only once did she return. Once, when the fever was raging in her veins, she stole unnoticed from her bed, and was found standing in her old place, holding her mother by the hand, and gazing into those dear blue eyes, as though she seemed anxious to remain to perform once more her little deeds of love. But God had willed otherwise, and after five days of very severe illness, during which time she was unable to speak, He took his dear one home.

Her mother survived this day five months, but her strength was gradually wasting, wasting all the time, and when the autumn woods were in their glory, another loved one left our circle, and another little mound was made in the grave-yard, where so many old friends and neighbours blessed memory are sleeping.

While sitting in the house one day,
And gazing through the open door,
My wand'ring thoughts were soon away
To times that now shall be no more.

To by-gone days with pleasures fraught,
And joys we shall not see again,
Till o'er my soul there came the thought
Of dear one who were with us then.

O'happy days, to memory dear,
No shadows round our pathway fell;
For sister Jane was with us here,
And mother was alive and well.

But ah, a change has come at last;
Our hearts are sad and bleeding now,
For o'er the sunshine of the past
Has gone death's keen and cruel plow.

Twice in the year its furrow deep
Turned up the black and awful loam;
Twice in the year we felt it sweep,
Like vengeance through our Orchard Home.

Once in the glad and joyous spring,
When nature wore her floral crown,
It came, the dark and solemn thing,
And turned a tender blossom down.

No hand could stay or keep it back,
It passed where life was fair and green;
And in its deep and narrow track
A sister's grave may now be seen.

It heeded not the tears that fell,
The heavy looks, the sobbing low,
Of those who loved their fond one, well,
And did not like to see her go.

It did not see poor mother there,
Doomed on a helpless bed to lie,
Propped up with pillows and a chair,
That she might see her darling die.

It did not hear the moaning sounds,
The heavy breath, the broken sigh;
But crushed her speechless to the ground,
And did not let her say "Good-bye!"

Dear, gentle Jane, we missed thee sore,
And still we miss thee every day;
But ah, poor mother missed thee more
Than any living soul can say.

For who could fill the vacant place,
Or who could take the vacant chair,
To tend the sweet and loving face
That lay so long imprisoned there.

Ah, none could do it, mother, none
Could soothe thy cares and ease thy pain,
Or do the half that had been done
By gentle, loving sister Jane.

Then let her memory never rot,
Who loved her mother's life so well;
But let a sweet forget-me-not
Be planted on the grave to tell:

Here lies a daughter kind and true,
A sister worthy of our boast,
Who did all love could bid her do,
And died at duty's post.

The spring-time sadly passed away,
The summer days had come and sped;
And still our hearts bemoaned the day
That laid our darling with the dead.

But when old Orchard Home was bright
With autumn tints of every hue,
Then came again the cruel sprite
And swept another furrow through.

Now side by side, on yonder green,
Two loving ones together lie;
Two little mounds of earth are seen,
Like beacons pointing to the sky.

Shine on them, sunbeams, all the day,
Or dark shall be this lonely breast;
For under these two mounds of clay
We buried those who loved us best.

Yes, there a sister's grave was made,
When spring was live with birds and bees,
And there, too, mother dear was laid,
When autumn smiled above the trees.

Ah, sainted mother, kind and true,
Our aching hearts have learned thy worth
Since thou hast vanished from our view,
And gone the way of all the earth.

Alas, we do remember well
The fate that laid thee on thy bed;
The days we watched, but scarce could tell
If mother was alive or dead.

'Twas hard to see her lying there
Through all that weary winter long;
To think that neither love nor care
Could make her well again and strong.

Those watching days have passed away,
But with them joys have also fled;
And Orchard Home looks sad today,
Because her fairest ones are dead.

Because the best of mothers lies
Beside her much lamented Jane;
Because that mother's loving eyes
Will never look on us again.

Ah, no, for we have seen them close,
Those dear, sweet eyes that haunt us still,
As fade the stars when morning throws
Her brighter beams adown the hill.

And we have seen that mother's face
Which loved us as no other could,
Laid in that lone and solemn place
Where nothing breaks the solitude.

Laid in yon sacred graveyard square,
Where many a friend and loved one sleeps,
And Friendship, as she wanders there,
Bends o'er some little mound and weeps.

Ah, mother! sainted mother! we
Will hear thy gentle voice no more!
Will never join again with thee
To sing the songs we sang of yore!

No more we'll walk the garden fair,
Or sit beside the door-step low,
While passed us on the summer air
We watched the blue-birds come and go.

No more when evenings' shadows fall
We'll feel thy love and know thy care;
For she, who was beloved of all,
Is seen, alas, no longer there.

No wonder, then, our home is drear,
And that old Robin sings so low;
Since mother is no longer here,
Since we her love no longer know.

Since those glad years have passed away,
When we, and she, and sister Jane,
Spent many a long and happy day,
And never knew a single pain.

Alas, that we have lived to see
That mother's love come to an end;
For never in this world shall we
Behold so dear and kind a friend.

Then let her mem'ry never rot
Who loved and was beloved so well;
But let a sweet forget-me-not
Be placed upon her grave to tell:

Here lies the best of our home-band,
Our fireside joy in days of yore,
Whose Christian heart and working hand
Will bless our home no more.

Her memory will be ever green,
Her grave a loved and sacred spot;
For they who lived as she, I ween,
Will never be forgot.

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Thus sitting in the house one day
From where our household joys had fled,
Sweet memories led my soul away,
And all my thoughts were of the dad.

Of sainted ones whose spirits soar
Through realms of everlasting day;
And though we see them here no more,
Methinks they are not far away.

For who can tell what is the bound
Of heaven, or the loved ones there,
Or what the "angels hov'ring round"
May carry with them through the air.

Then while we think we are alone
In this dark world of bitter cares,
Some loved one from the great white throne
May mingle with us unawares!

O, glorious thought! It fills with bliss
My very soul, and makes me glad!
For why, with such a faith as this,
Should any one be sad?

Then, Orchard Home, once more rejoice,
And Robin chant your roundelay,
For heaven demands that not a voice
Be silent here today.

And let us join in Robin's song
And chant it round the old home tree;
For they whom we have mourned so long
Are happier than we!

They're safe on that Eternal Shore,
And bask in sunshine all the day;
And with the good of days of yore
They're "calling us away."

Then let us praise the God of love
For every joy that he has given,
For every hope to meet above,
And every thought of Heaven.

TO THE MEMORY OF JANE

*Youngest Daughter of Mr. John McClure, Mount Pleasant, who
died on the 11th May, in the Year of Our Lord 1872.*

Ah! sister, thou art gone to rest,
Gone to an early tomb,
When the sweet May flowers were at their best
And lillies were in bloom
When singing birds on joyous wing
Sang all the sunny day,
When the orchard trees were blossoming
And all the world was gay.

When the old woods, on the rising ground,
Stood forth in merry guise,
And the hen-hawk sailing round and round
Soared up to meet the skies.
When all the world was grand and gay,
And Spring was in its pride,
'Twas then our loved one passed away,—
'Twas then our sister died.

Yes, then the sands of life were run,
And many hearts will tell,
How hard it is to part from one
Whom *all* have loved so well.
No more we'll wander, dearest Jane,
In search of nuts and flowers,
Through the old woods and down the lane
In pleasant evening hours.

No more her merry laugh we'll hear
Borne on the gentle breeze,—
That laugh which rang so sweet and clear
Among the orchard trees.

Her cheerful face will not be seen,
At morning, noon or night,
For in yon little grave-yard green—
She's hidden from our sight.

Ah! solemn thought, to think that she
In all her youthful bloom,
Should thus be snatched away from me
And buried in the tomb!
Our home is dark and lone since thou
Art gone, our dearest Jane,
For ah! we have no sister now
To share our joy and pain!

No sister standing at the door
To greet us when we come,
No sister, when the day is o'er,
To comfort us at home!
But O, we *have* a sister now
Who lives in endless day,
And with a crown upon her brow
She's "calling us away."

Then wipe away the tear that falls,
Yes, banish every sigh,
And listen to the voice that calls
And points us to the sky.
For there our gentle sister waits
On Eden's pleasant shore,
Till we shall pass the golden gates
And part from her no more.

When Thomas and his brother, James were young men their father (Long John) bought 200 acres of land in Luther township, near Little Toronto (now Grand Valley), for them. They got busy clearing the land and building a shanty in which to live, walking the forty odd miles a great many times. Shortly after they got their first shanty built, a big piece of dead ox meat was stolen by some very strong animal. They had this meat for dog feed. The boys were a little anxious about this night prowler

and, in case they should have another call from this brute, were waiting with their rifle. It was scarcely dark when they heard a snuffing and tramping close to their shanty. James thought he could see the eyes in the dark and they were not the eyes of a small animal either. He was for letting the brute have both barrels. Thomas, who was a little older, advised James to wait until he crawled out the back window and had a peak at the monster. He didn't want to get into a row with a savage old bear or something worse. James was listening for some sound from his brother when all at once he heard Thomas laughing and telling him to come out and see what it really was. It was just a neighbor's ox snuffing at some things they had thrown out of their door.

James was musical and both were good singers so they organized a Singing School in the village, in the winter, and had many happy evenings together. The road or way through the bush was just a cow path and at night they could not even see their own hands. It was so dark they had to feel their way with a stick. It was here that these boys took their young wives but, by this time, each had a small home of their own. Thomas remained there only a year or two before moving to Chinguacousy again. Some time before the boys were married, while chopping and clearing their land, they saw a bear cub in a tree and, like most boys, they tried to get it for a pet. As they were getting ready to climb up after it their dog took their attention. They looked and what they saw made them change their minds very quickly and run for their lives. The shanty was not far away so off they went. The dog got there first with James close on its heels, Thomas next followed very closely by Mother Bear. I don't really think that the bear was doing its best but just enough to chase the boys away from her cub. The trees were so close together that a man could hardly get through between them. It seems strange that

the lightning did not set fires then like it does now or has it gone modern and a little careless about its fires?

The following tells of a farm home of 75 years ago, and a log one at that, in which I was born. My Mother was born there also. The main part was about 25 or 30 feet square, with a lean-to on one side which contained the kitchen and Mother's bedroom. In the front part there were two bedrooms and the parlor down stairs and over this was the room where the boys slept and thought up new stunts. The milk house was also a lean-to in which we kept the milk and a few other eatables. There was a cellar under the main part of the house, in which were kept apples, potatoes, and dozens of big jars of preserves and jellies. Many a good time we had down there picking over apples. We used to have contests to see who could eat the greatest number of apples and in that way we got rid of a lot of small apples. There was only one window in this cellar and it was closed in winter, making the cellar dark. There were no electric lights so we used tallow candles, which Mother made from tallow rendered from the beef raised on the farm. I have those old moulds and have candles in them now. The stair to this cellar was a trap door in the Parlor floor, which was covered over by rag carpet and a rug over that. It was a real hide out. The carpet was made of woollen rags which Mother cut and sewed together and rolled into balls. These were sent to a weaver and he wove the carpet. Once a year the carpet was taken outside and was beaten and cleaned and fresh hay about two inches deep spread evenly over all the floor. Then the carpet was rolled out carefully over all. When it was down it was like a cushion and many a play we had on it.

The walls of the main rooms were plastered but up stairs the big logs were in plain view. There was no ceiling, just the round pole rafters and wide boards of the roof

sheeting. I remember how my bed allowed me to lie up close in the hollow place between two logs. Beds? Real beds? Big beds! Did you ever sleep in one? Oh, you poor fellow, you don't know what you have missed. They had ropes strung across the bottoms both ways and on top of the ropes came the big, straw tick full of clean wheat straw. The tick had a slit in it to allow the person who made it up to stir the straw up and take out the bumps. Over this was spread an old quilt, and then the bedding. A great many had feather ticks over the straw tick. I remember after our beds had been newly filled they were like mountains. We just ran at them and climbed up. Oh, yes, we always said our prayers first. No sir, we did not wear pyjamas or night shirts. That was sissy stuff. None of that for us.

There were many things besides beds up there—big chests, and chests full of bedding. We boys kept our clothes in wooden boxes. There was a big box at the head of the stairs which held a load of flour. We got our oat meal in big sacks and we all ate porridge or mush every morning. I have a picture of our old log house taken some years after it was lived in, but a better one in my heart. I have a picture of the scholars who went to my old school when I did. There are ten McClures among the forty five scholars. After studying about Guy Fox we tried to blow our school up but the fuse would not work.

Scarcity of fresh meat on the farm often lead to the killing of chicken when any person was sick. One time a certain Mother had a new baby so two of her little sons went to the barn and chased some hens into a hole in the stack, and caught a pair of nice quiet ones (which had been given to an older brother and sister by an Uncle) and drowned them in the water trough, brought them to the house and gave them to the hired girl to be cooked for Mother. Well, I have a very good reason to remember this,

although we just could not understand why we should be spanked and called bad boys.

A Father had been telling his boys how to put a yoke on oxen and, shortly after Dad went away, the boys got the old ox yoke and, as there was nothing but cows around, they put the yoke on a pair of them. They were quiet so the boys led them up the dump and into the barn. There being no cart around they raised the rack off the wagon with the rack lifter, took out the king bolt, and there was their cart. Next they got one cow on each side of the reach and tied it to the yoke. Oh, yes, the cows were good and were led out into a field and let go, the boys getting on to the cart. Away they went. It was no trick at all. But there was a big ditch running angle ways across their route and when the first cow jumped, the yoke held her back just enough for her front feet to land in the ditch. So she fell and the other cow just rolled over top of the first one. Dad was away, just as well! Those cows just kicked and hooked and bawled. Their necks were not broken. The boys had no hammer or anything to get the pins or keys out, but used stones between hooks and kicks. Finally they got one cow loose and then the other and, by the time Dad got home, all was fine again. Shortly after that Dad and the hired man found the reach of the wagon was split and had no idea whatever could have done it. Just as well!

In the early days fish were very plentiful at certain times and were packed in large troughs made out of green basswood logs. These logs were split, the bottom part chopped out to make a trough and the fish and salt packed in. Then the top was put on again and pinned on tight in order to keep the bears out. The green basswood gave a good taste to the fish. I have a copy of an old letter, written in 1839, in which the writer says that trout often weighed upwards of 30 pounds and that they were plentiful. He also says that a barrel of whiskey cost \$25.00,

flour \$10.00 per barrel, pork 18 cents per pound, butter 31½ cents per pound, sugar 16 cents per pound and tea \$1.00 per pound. (Whoever bought whiskey by the barrel?)

SIXTH GENERATION

LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

FRANCES McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1869 in Chinguacousy; d. 1921 in Saskatchewan; buried at Orangeville; m. Hugh Hutchison, a farmer near Grand Valley, Ontario, later going to Saskatchewan.

BERTHA McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1882; m. Harry Carnwell, farmer. Now retired, living at Cheltenham, Ont. Children: Bessie, Thomas, Henry, Frances, Margaret, McClure Carnwell.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew of James—b. on lot 14, second line west, Chinguacousy, where he lived the greater part of his life. He retired from the farm and lived in Brampton for a while. Born June 11, 1879; d. 1946. He was killed by a runaway team of horses, while helping on the farm. Buried in Brampton Cemetery. Married Ella Dolson, b. 1879. She lives in Brampton. Children: Douglas.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. July 3, 1877; m. Louisa Pierce, b. 1878. Farming near Oshawa, Ontario. He was born in Chinguacousy, second line, lot 14 west. Taught school and for a long time worked in the auto works at Oshawa. Children: Winnifred, Mary, Frank.

THOMAS A. McCLURE, son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 8 May, 1876, on a farm, lot 14, second line west, Chinguacousy. Builder in Brampton. Married Mabel Hutchison, b. 24 August, 1881. Children: Margaret, Helen, Gordon.

ALEX McCLURE, son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of

Andrew, of James—b. 1878, lot 14, second line west, Chinguacousy. Took up land in Saskatchewan.

BERT McCLURE, son of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew of James—b. 1881, lot 14, second line west, Chinguacousy. Homesteaded in Saskatchewan. He took a very active part in everything, becoming the only McClure on record to be a Member of Parliament, although there is a MacLure who is a member of the Ottawa House. Married Floy Nesbit, b. in Bruce County in 1882. Now living at Glen Williams, Ontario. Children: Hester, Alberta.

SADIE McCLURE, daughter of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Luther Township in 1873; m. John Crisp of Toronto, Ontario, b. ?; d. ?. Children: Eva, Kenneth, Herbert, Earl, Cecil, Jennie, Jack, Effie, Leslie, Earnie Crisp. Living in Toronto, Ontario.

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew of James—b. in Luther Township in 1875. Married Robert Speirs, teacher in Toronto, now retired. Children: Raeburn, Gordon, Murray Speirs.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1884 in Brampton; m. Charles Lundy; farmed in Saskatchewan and near Dunville, Ontario. Her husband died and now she lives at Niagara, Ontario. Children: Doan, Ruth, Bruce, Betty.

LESLIE McCLURE, son of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew—b. May 5, 1875, in Luther; m. Laura Shambagh, b. 1879; was a plumber in Swisvale, Pa., U.S.A. Children: Leslie, Laura, James, Martha.

LAWSON McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Brampton, Sept. 17, 1881; m. Agnes Allison, b. 1885. In insurance business. Children: Allison, Christene, Edward, John, June McClure.

ERNEST McCLURE, son of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Luther, 1878; m. Mary Bloom, b. ?; d. ?. Ladies' tailor in Toronto. Children: none.

Do you know that a few boys, by taking turns, can catch almost any of the small ground birds? And if you chase a king bird he will sometimes take you to a bee tree? These birds eat bees. Gordon Sinclair thinks that the mother snake does not swallow it's young in times of danger. But it may be the Father that does the trick. Where did he pick berries when a kid, or was he one of those Little Lord Fontleroy boys who did not go berry picking in his bare feet? Did he ever eat a lot of berries, then a goot lot of peas, and next cram down a lot of choke cherries?

ARTHUR McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. at Mt. Pleasant, on the homestead of his grandfather, on July 30, 1874; m. Annie McKinney, b. ?; d. ?. Children: Clarence, Edna, Harold McClure.

HERBERT McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. at Mt. Pleasant, on the old homestead in 1876. Went to Alberta when young, took up land there, later going to B.C. where he retired. Married Marian Black, b. ?. Children: Stewart, Margaret, Helen McClure.

MAY McCLURE, daughter of John, son of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1878; d. 1945; b. in B.C. Lived on a farm. Children: John Clark, Currie died when a child.

NORMAN McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. at Mt. Pleasant, on the old homestead in 1880; m. Florence McCulloch, b. ?; d. 1950. Farming in B.C. Children: Dorothy, Florence, Harold, Donald McClure.

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Thomas, of

Andrew, of James—b. 1883, at Mt. Pleasant. Farmed in Alberta and B.C. Married Mabel Hunter, b. ?. Children: Grace, Frank, Hunter, Osborne McClure.

ETHEL MCCLURE, daughter of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1888, at Mt. Pleasant. Single. Living in Brampton.

A few McClure boys were out looking for adventures or thrills and, while walking down the railroad track, came to a small culvert under the track about two feet square. It being dry, they crawled into it and waited for a train. Oh, no it wasn't dark at all as there was no top, only the ties and rails. They could surely get a good look at everything as the train went over but they did not see much as their eyes got full of dust. I do not believe any of them ever did it again, even if Mom did not forbid it. That was another thing she never knew about. Try that, boys!

This story may sound a little squirrely. Boys on the old farm sometimes wondered just how far a little red squirrel wandered from what the boys thought was his home and also how long they lived. So one day they caught one who lived in an old apple tree in their orchard, where he had a nest in a hole in a limb. They did not put a tag on his leg or put a number in his ear, as that would be hard to see. They just cut his tail off, like Dad did to the lambs, and then they let him go. Do you know it did not seem to do him any harm at all as he just hopped around the same as ever. We often saw our bobtail a mile away, hopping about. But we never found out how long squirrels live as he may have been a Grand Dad when he had his operation. It is quite possible that if boys did things like that now they would be put in some kind of a reformatory or other, where they would learn some really bad tricks.

HERBERT MCCLURE, son of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. May 1, 1880; in Manitoba. Was a farmer in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Retired in

Calgary. m. Juliet Nervile, b. ?. Children: Nelson McClure.

WALTER MCCLURE, son of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 10, 1881 in Manitoba. Went to Saskatchewan with his family. He went to South Africa as a soldier and marched from one side of the country to the other and never saw the enemy. As soon as the army came near the Rebels just faded out of sight. He was in Africa until all was settled. Then he came back to Saskatchewan to farm. When World War Two broke out he enlisted again, and, after three years, he was killed at Vimy Ridge. Our Clan lost one of its best men. Who among us could compare with him. It is much nicer to stay at home with Ma and Papa and the girls.

WILLIAM MCCLURE, son of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. May 22, 1892, in Saskatchewan. When he was a young man, he and his father went to Vancouver Island to a fruit farm, where his father died. William is a bachelor.

ALICE MCCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Brampton, Sept. 18, 1875; m. J. Reid; b. 18??; d. 1938. They lived at Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. Alice taught all kinds of music and singing.

ROLAND MCCLURE, son of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Brampton, Ont., corner of Mill St. N. and David Streets, Oct. 28, 1876. Practised law in Winnipeg. Married? Children: Jean McClure.

JOSIE MCCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Brampton, Sept. 24, 1878; d. 1906. She was a school teacher.

FOSTER MCCLURE, son of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Winnipeg, Aug. 12, 1886. Clerk in a hardware store, at Virden, Manitoba; m. Ida Murray. Children: Josie, Margaret, Donald.

NELLIE McCLURE, daughter of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Winnipeg, on January 26, 1888; m. William Thomas, Nelson, B.C.

SEVENTH GENERATION
LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

DOUGLAS McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1915, lot 14, Second Line West, Chinguacousy, Peel County, Ont.; m. Marion Johnston; b. 18???. Children: Douglas, Ruth, Jean.

WINNIFRED McCLURE, daughter of James, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1904, in Oshawa. Single.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of James, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1911, in Oshawa; m. George James, proprietor of Pleasure Valley Park, north of Oshawa.

FRANK McCLURE, son of James, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1919. Working in Oshawa at the Buick factory. Also has a small farm. Children: Catherine McClure.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Dec. 6, 1909, in Brampton. Was employed in the office of Graydon, Lawrence and Cook. m. Barton Haggerty, a veteran of World War II, farmer and auctioneer. Living on the homestead of his Great Great Grandfather, West Huntington P.O., Hastings County. Children: James Thomas.

HELEN McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. August 9, 1915, in Brampton. m. Martin Roberts, driver, living in Brampton. Children: William Gordon Roberts.

L.A.C. GORDON HUTCHISON McCLURE, R.C.A.F., son of Thomas A., of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 25 July, 1918, in Brampton. Crashed in a

forced landing, when nearly through training for a Pilot. He was alone in a bomber about midnight of Dec. 17, 1941. When he enlisted he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Sunday School teacher, president of the Young People's Society, and a member of the choir. Before enlisting he was with his father in the building business.

**L.A.C. GORDON MCCLURE BURIED WITH
FULL MILITARY HONORS**

(From The Conservator, Thursday, December 25, 1941)

L.A.C. Gordon Hutchinson McClure was buried on Saturday afternoon with full military honors in Brampton's first military funeral of the present year.

Following a private service at his residence, a public service was held in the Presbyterian Church. It was conducted by Rev. A. Neil Miller, assisted by Rev. H. M. Coulter, of St. Catharines, a former Brampton minister, who led in prayer. F. Lt. Scott, R.C.A.F. Chaplain, read the scripture lesson, and F. Lt. Province, R.C.A.F. Chaplain, spoke briefly, conveying the sympathy of the Commanding Officer of No. 16 SFTS at Hagersville, and of the members of the class of which Mr. McClure was a member.

The officer's cap which would have been received by the deceased after getting his wings on the 29th of December was granted and was placed on the flag-draped casket.

An R.C.A.F. escort-party carried the casket on their shoulders from the church and at the cemetery. An R.C.A.F. truck served in place of the traditional gun-carriage.

F.Lt. Province officiated at the grave where a firing party fired the customary salute and three buglers sounded Last Post and Reveille. A detail of planes flew overhead in salute during the committal service.

Flower-bearers were members of the deceased's Sunday School Class, young men with whom he associated in the young people's and choir work, and members of the Session of the Presbyterian Church.

Gordon McClure lost his life Thursday morning while engaged in a solo night flight. The cause of the crash, which occurred about one mile north of the service flying training school at Hagersville, is being investigated. The plane was

reported to have been in the air only a short time when it dived to the earth.

Prior to enlisting with the R.C.A.F. last May, he was engaged with his father, Thomas A. McClure, 5 Mill North, in the contracting business. He was a member of the Brampton Presbyterian Church, and served in an official capacity with the Young People's Society.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his parents and his two sisters, Helen and Margaret.

HESTER McCLURE, daughter of Bert, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1918 in Saskatchewan; m. Henry Carnwell, living at Cheltenham, Ont. Farming. Children: Thomas, Robert Carnwell.

ALBERTA McCLURE, daughter of Bert, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1920 in Saskatchewan. Taught school in Saskatchewan; m. Wallace Campbell, school teacher; living near Stoney Creek.

LESLIE McCLURE, son of Leslie, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. May 9th, 1905, in Swisvale, Pa., U.S.A. He is a plumber; m. Frances Anderson. Children?

LAURA McCLURE, daughter of Leslie, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 20th, 1907, in Swisvale, Pa., U.S.A.; m. W. Henderson. Children: Betty, Helen Henderson.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Leslie, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Nov. 1st, 1913, in Pa., U.S.A. Is a plumber; m. V. Longhner. Children:?

MARTHA McCLURE, daughter of Leslie, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Swisvale, Pa., U.S.A.

ALLISON McCLURE, daughter of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1911, in Toronto, Ont.; m. A. Stock, Toronto. Children?

CHRISTINE McCLURE, daughter of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1913, in

Toronto; m. Mr. Moore. Children: David, Philip Moore.

JUNE McCLURE, daughter of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 25 June, 1925, in Toronto, Ont.; m. William McLean, of Toronto. Children?

EDWARD McCLURE, son of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1914, in Toronto; m. Margaret Heron. Children: Janet McClure.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1920, in Toronto, Ont.; m. Clara Croft, living at 141 Manor Rd., Toronto, Ont. Children: Kathryn, Robert McClure.

CLARENCE McCLURE, son of Arthur, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1904, on the homestead of his Great Grandfather, John; m. Dorothy Newns. Children: Edith McClure.

EDNA McCLURE, daughter of Arthur, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1906, on the old homestead at Mt. Pleasant; m. James Davis, R.R. 2, Brampton. Children: Ann, Arthur Davis.

HAROLD McCLURE, son of Arthur, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1912, at Mt. Pleasant and living there; m. Isabell Alexander. Children: Margaret, Robert McClure.

STEWART McCLURE, son of Herbert, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1907 in Kimberly, B.C.; m. Grace Pretchard. Children: Vallery, Colby McClure.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Herbert, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1910, on a farm in B.C. Teacher.

HELEN McCLURE, daughter of Herbert, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1911 in B.C.; d. 1941. She was a teacher. While riding her pony, bring-

ing up the cows on her father's home, it fell in a hole and she was killed.

HAROLD McCLURE, son of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1914 in B.C.; served in the R.A.F. in World War II; m. M. Hutchcroft. Children: Margaret, Neil McClure.

DOROTHY McCLURE, daughter of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1910 in B.C.; m. W. Hill, Cranbrook, B.C.

FLORENCE McCLURE, daughter of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1912 in B.C. A teacher.

DONALD McCLURE, son of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1917 in B.C. Served in the R.C.A.F. World War II.

GRACE McCLURE, daughter of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1910 in B.C.; m. E. Siple. Children: Judith, Linda Siple.

FRANK McCLURE, son of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1914 in B.C.; m. Charlotte Carve. Children: Carol, Donna McClure.

HUNTER McCLURE, son of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1915 in B.C.; m. June Ordway. Children: Arthur, Evelyn, Sharon, Maureen McClure.

OSBORNE McCLURE, son of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1920 in B.C.; m. Myrtle Gammon. Children: Gregory, Thomas McClure.

NELSON McCLURE, son of Herbert, of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Dec. 14, 1913 in Alberta; m. Manager of the Robin Hood Milling Co., office in Winnipeg. Children: Yvonne, Donald McClure.

JOSIE McCLURE, daughter of Forster, of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1913, at Virden, Manitoba; m. Alfred Darr. Living at 1020 Strathcona St., Winnipeg.

- MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Forster, of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1918, at Viriden, Manitoba; m. Arthur Etter. Living at 295 Alfred Ave., Winnipeg. Children: Shirley, Janice Etter.
- DONALD McCLURE, son of Forster, of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. May 28, 1925, at Viriden, Manitoba; m. Joyce Hatter, New Westminster, B.C. Children: David McClure.

EIGHTH GENERATION OF
LONG JOHN McCLURE FAMILY

- GORDON McCLURE, son of Douglas, of John, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. June 1945, on lot 14, Second Line West, Chinguacousy.
- RUTH McCLURE, daughter of Douglas, of John, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. April 15, 1949, on lot 14, Second Line West, Chinguacousy.
- JEAN McCLURE, daughter of Douglas, of John, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1950.
- CATHERINE McCLURE, daughter of Frank, of James, of Thomas, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1949, near Oshawa, Ont.
- JANET McCLURE, daughter of Edward, of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Toronto.
- KATHRYN ANN McCLURE, daughter of John, of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Sept. 17, 1947, in Toronto.
- ROBERT McCLURE, son of John, of Lawson, of James, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Sept. 17, 1949, in Toronto.
- EDITH McCLURE, daughter of Clarence, of Arthur, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. March 28, 1937.
- MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Harold, of Arthur, of

- John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??, Third Line W., Chinguacousy.
- ROBERT McCLURE, son of Harold, of Arthur, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1951, on the homestead of his Great Great Grandfather, lot 11, Third Line West, concession 4, Chinguacousy.
- VALERIE McCLURE, daughter of Stewart, of Herbert, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Jan. 19, 1937, Kimberley, B.C.
- COLBY McCLURE, son of Stewart, of Herbert, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Oct. 25, 1940, at Kimberley, B.C.
- MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Harold, of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. March 28, 1945, at Cranbrook, B.C.
- NEIL McCLURE, son of Harold, of Norman, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. August 5, 1950, at Cranbrook, B.C.
- CARROL McCLURE, daughter of Frank, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. August 27, 1950.
- DONNA McCLURE, daughter of Frank, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Dec. 8, 1939.
- ARTHUR McCLURE, son of Hunter, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. August 25, 1939.
- EVELYN McCLURE, daughter of Hunter, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. March 27, 1941.
- SHARON McCLURE, daughter of Hunter, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. April 23, 1943.
- MAUREEN McCLURE, daughter of Hunter, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. March 4, 1948.

GREGORY MCCLURE, son of Osborne, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Dec. 30, 1950.

THOMAS MCCLURE, son of Osborne, of John, of John, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 18, 1952.

YVONNE MCCLURE, daughter of Nelson, of Herbert, of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1947, in Winnipeg.

DONALD MCCLURE, son of Nelson, of Herbert, of Andrew, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1949 in Winnipeg.

DAVID MCCLURE, son of Donald, of Forster, of Joseph, of John, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1950.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

It seems pretty bad to hear of someone stealing the stove from the Church, but what about this which is reported in the history of the church, by Dr. A. N. Miller?

WHO STOLE HISTORIC STOVE?

Someone stole the stove from the log Church at Mt. Pleasant. Some time after this historic Old Presbyterian Church had done away with their fireplace and bought a grand new box stove to heat the Meeting House, it disappeared and was never found.

Ebenezer Anthony, the caretaker at the time, was greatly surprised after his long walk from his farm home on lot No. 13, 5th line west, Chinguacousy, to find that the stove had disappeared. As there were to be Church Services that morning, he went across to the hotel and told the landlord about the disaster. The landlord called some of the boys who happened to be in and they set up the stove from the bar room, in the Church. When the service was over, the stove was returned to the hotel bar room. Now who would steal a stove from a church?

Whoever did it must have had a poorly matched yoke of oxen as the nigh ox was much larger than the off ox, and judging by the hoof prints in the snow, the off ox had a frac-

tured toe and the snow marks also indicated that the oxen were harnessed to a jumper hitched to a chain.

So now, if you know where this stove is, or who got it, PLEASE get in touch with the McClure Clan historian (T. A. McCLURE, 5 Mill St. N.) and he will no doubt see that you are suitably rewarded for your trouble.

Ed.—The foregoing "news item" came from Historian McClure, who, for historical reasons, would like to bring his archives up to date. He is a grandson of the man who was treasurer of the log church.

JOHN McCLURE gave a piece of his farm on which to build a church and some time after it was found necessary to have a deed, so JOHN McCLURE gave a deed for which he received five shillings. The trustees were JAS. SCOTT, WILLIAM WILEY and JOSEPH HUNTER. The witnesses were SAMUEL McCLURE and WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

The deed was apparently drawn without the donors or the trustees understanding what was afoot, as the following year all four of them had left the congregation and the church of Scotland, and associated themselves with the Free Church leaving the property to the Church of Scotland.

Some of those who left this old Church on the corner went back in a few years and the Free Church was torn down, and some of them went to Brampton Presbyterian Church, where SAMUEL McCLURE is an ELDER, being a Grandson of the Samuel who was the witness mentioned above; and now Samuel the second has a lot of grand children attending the Brampton Church, and old Mt. Pleasant Church has been closed.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

The Thomas McClure Family

Seven Generations

FIRST GENERATION—James McClure—b. 1690, in Scotland (history given in Lower James family).

SECOND GENERATION—Andrew, b. 1726.

THIRD GENERATION—Thomas, b. 1763.

FOURTH GENERATION—Thomas, b. 1891 (brother of Long John McClure). This chapter eleven records his descendants.

When Thomas McClure (son of Andrew) was about to leave Ireland for Canada, with some members of his family, the following testimonial was given them by their Minister.

"I certify that Thomas McClure was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church for the last twelve years and that he conducted himself agreeably to the solemn duties of that office, and that he and his wife were Communicants, and that his son Thomas and wife and daughter Jane were also Communicants.

And as they are now about to remove to America, I can safely recommend as sober, industrious, and peaceful, and honest, and I hope that they may enjoy the confidence and friendship of the Religious Community to which they may join.

Signed, George McClelland, Minister Presbyterian Church, Ahoghil, Ireland, May 16th, 1827."

Thomas senior was Father of John, known as Long John, who had come to Canada two years earlier.

THIRD GENERATION

THOMAS MCCLURE FAMILY

THOMAS MCCLURE, son of Andrew, of James—b. April 8, 1763; d. 1837, the first night of his arrival at his brother James' home in Canada, and is buried at the

Old Cemetery at Streetsville, being one of the first to be buried there. He married Jean Brown in Ireland. She died and he later married the widow of Samuel McClure, his second cousin, nee Mary Eccles. Children of Thomas and Jean Brown: John, b. Monday, 25 February, 1799; Thomas, b. Friday, 15 November, 1800; Andrew, b. Saturday, 25 August, 1802; Jane, b. Sunday, 21 April, 1805; Hannah, b. Wednesday, 8 May, 1811. Thomas and Mary Eccles had no family but Samuel and Mary Eccles had the following children: Samuel, William, James, Mariah, Elizabeth. This family is reported in the Samuel line or family. Both families, with the exception of John, came to America together. The story of Andrew follows.

FOURTH GENERATION

THOMAS McCLURE FAMILY

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland on Saturday, August 25, 1802. Emigrated to Canada with other members of his family in 1827, coming by New York. As some one on the boat had smallpox they were not allowed to leave the boat for three weeks, which was a bit hard on young Andy and two other lads, who skipped out and was never heard of again by his father or any of his brothers or sisters. At one of our first reunions this story was told and George McClure, whose father David was a cousin of the lost Andrew, remembered seeing an old letter among his father's papers written by Andrew of Port Huron, U.S.A., in 1839. As it had not been properly addressed it was a year in getting to David and that was the last he was ever heard of. At that time letters were not sent in envelopes, but were folded and sealed with wax. Th address was written on one side of the letter, it was folded up 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5", and sealed with wax. Following is the way it was addressed:

To David McClure,
Toronto Township,
York County, (Try Streetsville)
Upper Canada.

ANDREW'S LETTER

Dear Cousin:

Port Huron, Feb y, 26 Th, 1839.

I send you these few lines to let you know that I am in good health at present, hoping they will find you in the same. I am now keeping Grocery in the town of Port Huron, St. Clear County State of Michigan, 2 miles from the mouth of Lake Huron, and 56 miles north of Detroit. This used to be a good place for a grocery until about a year back when times grew so bad on account of money being so scarce that it has been but a poor place ever since, but it is growing some better now. Winter is the worst time here for the St. Clear River keeps filled with floating ice, so that Steam Boats some seasons can not get up from Detroit before the middle of May, and land carriage is 3 \$ per barrel while by steam boat it is only 3 shillings from Detroit here. Flour is selling for 10 \$ p barrel, Pork is 18 cents per lb, Butter 31½ cents, Sugar from 16 cents to 25 cents p lb, Common tea 1 \$. There is no apples to be had in the place. Potatoes are 6 shillings p bushel. We can get no beef here now, but the Indians bring plenty of venison and elk flesh, to sell which they sell cheap. A barrel of whiskey costs about 25 \$ here. There was no cider to be had in Detroit this season.

This village is situated on both sides of Black River on the west bank of the river St. Clear. Fish are very plentiful here in the summer.

There is a large fishery at the mouth of Lake Huron, where they sometimes catch from 30 to 40 barrels in a night of white fish, Pickerel, Herring and Trout. Some trout caught here weigh upward of 30 lb.

The land is not good here, it is low sandy land with a great deal of pine upon it, and the climate is so changeable from heat to cold and the contrary that crops do not grow well here. I have nothing particular to write to you as I have seen no person since I left you that I ever saw before, neither have I heard from you nor from the Largy, since that time the more it was not for the want of travelling, for I have been in 18 of the States since that time. I have been from

Wisconsin the farthest north territory to Florida the farthest south, and I have been from the Atlantic Ocean to the State of Missouri the farthest west State, but this is the worst place I ever was in yet. As soon as you receive this I would be glad that you write to me, and give me all the news you can remember of everything remarkable that happened both there and at home since I left that place. There is no use in writing over a long Catalogue of names, in sending my respects to my friends for I suppose there is a number of them in the dust since I saw them last, for millions of human beings have died since, that were not born when I last saw you. I would have written to one of my Brothers but I do not exactly remember the name of the township they live in. But you can take my love to them, of my Father's and Mother's family that are yet alive, and tell them I was always well off since I left them, I had always plenty to eat, and plenty to drink, and plenty to wear and I generally enjoyed good health, thanks be to the Giver of every good I ever enjoyed. I send my best respects to all enquiring friends and well wishers, and would be glad to have a letter from any of them.

I hope you will excuse the imperfections of this letter as it is the first one I ever wrote to a friend in my life, I have nothing more to say at present but remain

Your ever loving Cousin
till Death,

DAVID McCCLURE

ANDREW McCCLURE

Andrew was only one of a great many young men who were lost from their relations, and I hope some day to find what happened to him.

HANNAH McCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland on Wednesday, May 8, 1811; m. James Magill. They lived on lot nine, fourth concession west, fifth line, Chinguacousy. Children: Eliza, Jane, Mary, Hannah, Nancy, William, James Magill. The Magills, McKinneys and McClures came to Canada on the same boat in 1827.

JAIN McCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland, on Sunday, April 21, 1805 (single). I have found the name Jane spelled Jain. I do not know whether it is a mistake in spelling or not. If it is I have plenty more.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—
Reported in Long John family.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. in Ireland, on Friday, November 15, 1800; d. 1888; m. Elizabeth McClure, his step sister, b. in Ireland in 1808; died 1882. They were married in Ireland and had one child there. They came along with his Father and her Mother who were married. Thomas settled on lot 9, fourth line, fifth concession west, Chinguacousy. Children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Jane, Thomas, John, James, William, Mary, Andrew, Sarah Ann, David McClure. All born on lot 9.

FIFTH GENERATION THOMAS McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1831; d. 1915; m. Mary McClean, b. ?. They lived on a farm near Erin Village. Children: Samuel, Dan, Thomas, John, Andrew, Ann Jane, Elizabeth. None of the family were married and all are buried in Glen Williams Cemetery.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1826, in Ireland; d. 1875; m. Samuel Patterson. Lived in U.S.A. Children: Emily, Samuel, Thomas, William, David, Maine Patterson.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1835; d. 1909; buried at Norval Cemetery; m. Catherine McClure, b. 1837, d. 1873; buried at Streetsville. Children: Mary Eliza, Sarah Jane, Thomas David McClure. After Catherine died he married Mary McDowel, b. 1844, d. 1923; buried at Norval. They lived on lot 9, second line west, Chinguacousy. Children: William Garfield, Mabel McClure.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1837; d. 1911; m. Mary Laughlin, b. 1849; d. 1927. They are buried at Georgetown. They lived on the ninth line Township of Esquesing, close to

Georgetown. Children: William, Cyrus, Thomas, David, Elizabeth, John, Mary, George McClure.

JAMES MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1839; d. 1909; m. Margaret McClure, b. 1836; d. 1910. They lived on the fourth line west, Chinguacousy, and are buried in the old Scott Cemetery on the fourth line, above Huttonville. No family.

WILLIAM MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1840; d. 1906; m. Mary Carpenter. They lived in Minnesota and are buried there.

MARY MCCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1843; d. 1901; m. Alexander McKinney, b. 1834; d. 1889. They lived on lot 13, second line west, Chinguacousy. Buried in Brampton. Children: Eliza, Alexander McKinney.

In the early days the snow was not ploughed off the roads and, as there was very little traffic, they were often closed for days. When the doctor had to be had in a hurry it was quite a chore. When Eliza McKinney was born the roads had been blocked for days so Alexander and a neighbor started out on horse back to Brampton for a doctor, taking a spare horse to bring him on. After a lot of hard work they got the doctor out to the farm and, when the job was done, back again the three of them went through the storm and snow. By the time they got home again it was getting daylight on March 27th, 1870. The Nurse was a neighbor's wife. There was no hospital or registered nurse and none was needed for such an occasion. When dyptheria struck a family of small children it sometimes took all of them. Mary and her husband were practical Christians and practised what they preached.

ANDREW MCCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1847; d. 1933; m. Ann Campbell, b. 1866, d. 1917; buried at Norval. They lived on lot 10, fifth line west, Chinguacousy. He retired in Norval village. Children: May, Stanley, Ethel McClure.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1833; d. 1925; m. James Hillis of Price Corners and are buried there. Children: Sarah, Elizabeth and four sons whose names were not given to me.

SARAH ANN McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1849; d. 1890; m. John Campbell.

DAVID McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1852; d. 1893; single: buried at Norval.

SIXTH GENERATION THOMAS McCLURE FAMILY

Children of Samuel McCLURE. None married and all are buried at Glen Williams. William James McClure, b. 1861; d. 1894; Ann Jane McClure, b. 1863; d. 1933; Elizabeth McClure, b. 1866; d. 1943; Thomas McClure, b. 1872; d. 1945; Andrew McClure, b. 1870; d. 1913; Dan McClure, b. 1864; d. 1900; Samuel McClure, b. 1880; d. 1948.

WILLIAM GARFIELD McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1882; m. Louise Hyatt, b. 1882. Living on the farm of his father, lot 9, second line west, Chinguacousy, known as Ever Green Lodge. The Family Reunion was held at his home in 1935 and again in 1938 and, owing to the generosity and faithfulness of W. G. and his wife, much of the success of our Clan Gatherings is due. W. G. was our first President and, although our expenses were seven hundred dollars, it did not bother him. He has been Secretary of our Clan a great many years. In thirty years Garf has not missed one meeting no matter where or when it was held or for what reason it was held. Children: Hyatt McClure.

MABEL McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1886; m. William J. McClure, b. 1880 (reported in Lower James line).

MAY McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1892; single; living in Norval village, Ontario.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHT AT ELDORADO PICNIC

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School Picnic was held at Eldorado on a beautiful summer afternoon when nearly all the congregation attended. Although the weather was a little hot everybody was happy. The older men sat in the shade of the old willow trees, while the mothers sat and chatted about I wonder what? Some young people were out in the boats and three boats had joined together and were held tight so as to be like a large float. They were going along slowly and in the centre one, standing in the front of the boat giving orders to the boys on the oars, stood the Admiral, waving his arms and showing his authority. All was fine until the centre boat hit a submerged stump, which caused the Admiral to take a backward dive into the pond. If the picnic had been held at a lake or the sea side there might not have been so many beautiful trees on a certain old farm, but the water was quite shallow—just a mill pond. His head soon showed above water and you should have seen those eyes. I have been told that when a person is about to be drowned their sins rise up before them and by the look on his face he must have seen something pretty bad. However, he did not drown and, after shaking the boats and scaring the girls pretty badly, he climbed over the front of the boat and sat with his boots in the water over the front of the boat and continued the fun. Whatever it was that made his eyes so big was soon forgotten.

MARY ELIZA McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1867; d. 1938; m. David Cation, b. 1859, d. 1931. They lived on lot 18, third line east, Chinguacousy. Children: Catherine, Annie, Sadie, William Cation.

SARAH JANE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1871; d. 1947; m. Thomas Graham. He died and she married James Hyatt. They lived on the sixth line west, at Centreville. Children: Jean Hyatt.

THOMAS DAVID McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Thomas,

of Thomas, of Aandrew, of James—b. 1869; d. 1902; single; buried at Norval.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1888; d. 1931; m. Sadie Eccles, b. 1888. Lived on the farm of his father, John, ninth line Esquesing, Halton County. Children: Eccles, John, Agnes, Mary, Ilay McClure.

CYRUS McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1880; d. 1937; single, buried at Georgetown.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1875; d. 1895; buried at Georgetown.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1890; m. Ada Archibald, b ?.

DAVID McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1876; d. 1828; m. Abigal Campbell. Buried at Georgetown.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1878; d. 1908; m. G. Harris. Buried at Georgetown.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—m. Ed Harris. Children: ?.

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1882; d. 1919; single.

SEVENTH GENERATION THOMAS McCLURE FAMILY

HYATT McCLURE, son of William Garfield, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. 1914; m. Charlotte Wilson, b?. Living on lot nine, second line west, Chinguacousy. Hyatt is first Vice-President of our Clan. Children: Nancy, Norma, Mabel.

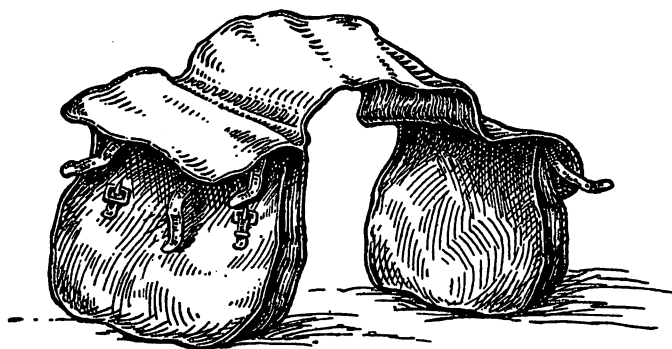
ECCLES McCLURE, son of William, of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. July 20th, 1920; living on the farm of his father and grandfather, near Georgetown.

JOHN McCLURE, son of William, of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. December 3, 1921; m. Ethel Hutchison, b. 1928. John is assistant Secretary of the Clan; living in Georgetown, farming on the old homestead. Children: Mary Jane Elizabeth.

AGNES McCLURE, daughter of William, of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. June 14, 1932.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of William, of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Aug. 30, 1925.

ILAY McCLURE, daughter of William, of John, of Thomas, of Thomas, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 12, 1927.



CHAPTER TWELVE

The Big Davey McClure Family

DESCENDANTS OF

DAVID McCLURE AND ELIZABETH SKELTON

Five Generations

FIRST GENERATION

BIG DAVEY McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE—b. in Ireland in 1801; d. 1871; m. Elizabeth Skelton; b. 1811; d. 1867. They are buried in Norval Cemetery. Came to Canada in 1822. Children: John, James, David, Margaret, William, Robert, Joseph, Mary Jane, Sarah. (*Picture see plate page V.*)

Shortly after Big Davey and Big Sammy came to Canada they were taking a sleigh load of oak to Churchville to be made into barrels, as there was a Cooper shop there. (I believe they got the oak on Sammy's farm, on the First Line). They went down the Second Line to the Base Line, then west towards Churchville, and when they got to the top of the hill it was very slippery and their oxen were not shod, which made it dangerous, as the oxen would be sure to fall with a load weighing two tons or more. No sir, they would not risk it. So they unhitched the oxen and tied them to the fence where they would be safe. Next the two big, brave boys took hold of the tongue of the sleigh and started down the hill with do or die in their eyes. They held on to that tongue as it got faster and faster. Suddenly they both slipped and fell but they still held on to it with might and main. The iron on the end of the tongue sank into the ice until the sleigh began to twist around to one side and soon it was ahead of them going down backwards. All landed down safe but both might have been killed. Next chore was to get the oxen

down the hill. So they led them down in the ditch at the edge of the road where the snow was deeper.

These boys were really strong and fearless but necessity has always been the mother of invention. When we think of what the people did in the early days and did not grouch about it, oh, oh, what a bunch of sissies we surely are. Do not forget that many of these boys came from towns or cities and never saw a tree cut down in their lives until they did it themselves, in Canada. After a few attempts, one young lad told a neighbor that one had to be a good runner as well as a good chopper or get killed. No doubt he soon learned to chop so he did not have to run for his life every time one went down. Now just how would you chop down a tree and know where it ould fall? These stories are told by David L. McClure. I wish that I could remember more of D.L.'s yarns.

SECOND GENERATION

BIG DAVEY McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE, *son of David*—b. 1830; d. 1909; m. Rachel Arnott; b. 1837; d. 1921. They are buried in Brampton Cemetery. They lived on lot 12, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. Known as Gray John. Children: James, Elizabeth, Millie McClure.

DAVID McCLURE, son of David McClure—b. 1832; d. 1900. Single. Lived on the homestead of his father. Buried at Norval Cemetery.

ROBERT McCLURE, son of David—b. 1855; d. 1894. Single. Lived on the homestead of his father. Buried at Norval Cemetery.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1836; d. 1901; m. James McClure, son of Thomas. They are reported in the Thomas line.

JAMES McCLURE, son of David—b. 1837; d. 1885; m. Ester Arnott; b. 1841; d. 1893. They lived on lot 16, Fifth Line West, Chinguacousy. Buried in Norval

Cemetery. Children: David, Minnie, William, Florence McClure.

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1837; d. 1905; m. John Maines; b. 1821; d. 1899. Buried at Churchville Cemetery. Children: John, William, Lizzie, Jane, Maggie, Sarah, Minnie, Bertha Maines.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of David—b. 1844; d. 1908; m. Sarah Elliott, b. 1870; d. 1952. Buried at Norval. Lived on the homestead of his father, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Elliott, Russel, Earl, Bessie McClure.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1845; d. 1925; m. Robert Kee; b. 18??; d. 1911. Buried at Caledon East. Children: Joanna, John, Olive, Lawrence, Wilbur Kee.

JOSEPH McCLURE, son of David—b. 1848; d. 1922; m. Agnes Dolson; b. 1858. They are buried in Norval Cemetery. They lived on lot 17, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Gordon, William McClure.

THIRD GENERATION BIG DAVEY McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 1867; d. 1932; m. Margaret Curry. Lived at Georgetown, Ont. Children: Harold McClure.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of John, of David—b. 1859; d. 1929; m. David McClure; b. 1857; d. 1943. Buried in Norval Cemetery. Farmed on lot 8, Third Line West, Chinguacousy. Children: Arnott, Millie, Bell.

MILLIE McCLURE, daughter of John, of David—b. 1876; d. 1930; m. William Nelson; b. 1869; d. 1948. Lived in Brampton.

DAVID McCLURE, son of James, of David—b. 1868; d. 1946; m. Elizabeth Copland. They lived in western Canada. No further report.

MINNIE McCLURE, daughter of James, of David—b.

- 1870; d. 1911; m. George Kennedy. Lived near Hornby, Ont. Children: Florence, Dorothy, Clifford Kennedy.
- WILLIAM McCLURE, son of James, of David—b. 1875; d. 1946; m. Daisy Carter. No further report.
- FLORENCE McCLURE, daughter of James, of David—b. 1883; d. 1940. Buried at Hamilton. Married Rev. Walling. No address given.
- GORDON McCLURE, son of Joseph, of David—b. 1886. Single. Living with his brother William.
- WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Joseph, of David—b. 1887; m. Myrtle Anthony; b. 1893. Living on lot 14, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. William is a member of the executive of the McClure Clan.
- ELLIOTT McCLURE, son of William, of David—b. 1899; d. 1947. Buried at Norval. Married ? Farm manager. Children: David, Mary McClure.
- RUSSEL McCLURE, son of William, of David—b. 1901; m. Helen Doag. Living in Georgetown. Children: Mary McClure.
- EARL McCLURE, son of William, of David—b. 1903. Living on lot 11, Fourth Line West, Chinguacousy. Single.
- BESSIE McCLURE, daughter of William, of David—b. 18??

FOURTH GENERATION

BIG DAVEY McCLURE FAMILY

- HAROLD McCLURE, son of James, of John, of David—b. 1904; m. Margaret Shultz; b. Feb. 5, 1899. Is Undertaker at Georgetown, Ont. Children: George Edward McClure.

FIFTH GENERATION

BIG DAVEY McCLURE FAMILY

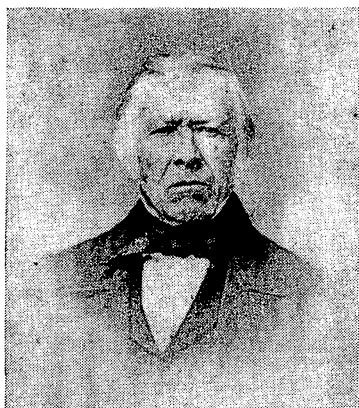
- GEORGE EDWARD McCLURE, son of Harold, of James, of John, of David—b. Oct. 10, 1934.

The children of Elizabeth and David L. McClure are recorded in the father's (David's) family.



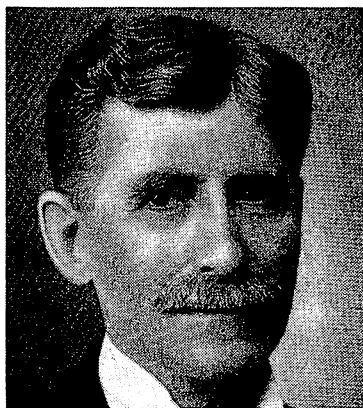
THOMAS MCCLURE AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH MCCLURE

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BIG DAVID MCCLURE

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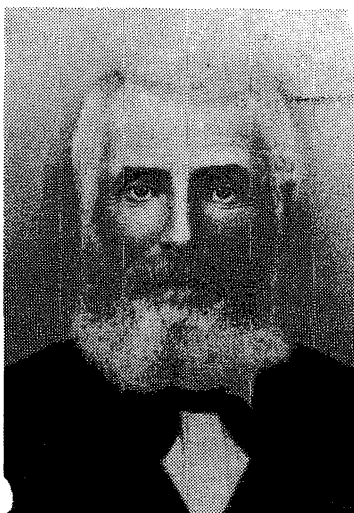
ANDREW THOMAS MCCLURE

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ANDREW McCLURE AND HIS WIFE MARY ANN HAMILTON

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SAMUEL McCLURE AND HIS WIFE MARY SMITH

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The Woodbridge McClure Family

Six Generations

DESCENDANTS OF

ANDREW McCLURE AND JANE WAUGH

ANDREW McCLURE—b. in Ireland in 1786; m. Jane Waugh; b. in Ireland? They lived and died in the County Down, Ireland. Children: Andrew, William Waugh, Samuel McClure.

SECOND GENERATION

WOODBIDGE McCLURE FAMILY

WILLIAM WAUGH McCLURE, son of Andrew—b. 1815 in Ireland; m.? Children: two daughters, one single, the other married Mr. McGarry. No other information.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Andrew. No record.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Andrew and Jane Waugh—b. in County Down, Ireland, Feb. 13, 1813. His father died while he was young and his mother married John Ruddell. Owing to a disagreement with his stepfather, Andrew emigrated to Canada in 1833, and made his home for a short time with his uncle, John Waugh, who had emigrated from Ballymeny, Ireland in 1820, and settled in Vaughan Township, York County. Young Andrew took up a homestead in Vaughan Township, lots 14 and 15, concession 9. On his trips from his uncle's home to his homestead he frequently called at the Indian Chief Hotel, at Burwick (which is now Woodbridge). The hotelkeeper's daughter was very attractive, or at least young Andy thought so. So when he was invited to have his Christmas dinner with the Hamilton family he accepted gladly. When the goose was placed on the table, Hamilton said, "McClure, if

you can carve this fowl you can have Mary Ann". Needless to say, he carved the goose. So Andrew married Mary Ann and Mary Ann sharpened the knife. Report says she died in 1893, but does not say when she was born—probably about the year 1816. Andrew died in 1878. They are buried in Aurora Cemetery. Children: Mary Ann, John, Andrew, James, William, Elizabeth, Samuel McClure. (*For pictures see plate page VI.*)

THIRD GENERATION

WOODBRIIDGE McCLURE FAMILY

MARY ANN McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1836; d. 1916; m. John Hollingshead and upon his death, she married George Hollingshead. They lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Children: John, Harry Joseph, Minnie Hollingshead.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1839; d. 1919; m. Hannah, Ewart; b. 1840; d. 1873. After her death he married Alice Campbell. Children of John and Hannah—John, Andrew, George, Jessie. Children of Alice and John—Lorne, David, Fullerton, Vesta.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1841; d. 1896; m. Elizabeth Bryson; b. 1844; d. 1939. Lived in King Township. Children: Andrew, James, Jane, Mary, Ailie, Norman McClure.

JAMES HAMILTON McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1843; d. 1898; m. Jane McGillvary; b. 1838; d. 1903. Lived at Woodbridge, Ont. Buried at Knox Vaughan Cemetery. Children: Minnie, John, Catherine McClure.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1845; d. 1920; m. George Richardson; b. 1841; d. 18?? They lived in Missouri, U.S.A. Children: Minnie, Jennie, Vina, William Richardson.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1849; d. 1927; m. Ellen Nesbit; b. 1850. Lived at

Woodbridge, Ont. Children: William, Maud, George, Mary.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1851; d. 1935; m. Donald McMurphy. Lived at Goderich, Ont. Children: Lenah, Annie, Archie, Andrew, Jennie, Margaret McMurphy.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1853; b. 1853; d. 1944; m. Nancy Cameron; b. 1854. They are buried in Knox Cemetery, in Vaughan. They lived on the homestead of his father, lots 13 and 14, concession 8, Vaughan. Children: Mary Catherine, Elizabeth and Annie, twins; Jane, Samuel, Ailie and Jessie, twins; Agnes. Two sets of twins in one family is very rare and is the first in this record.

FOURTH GENERATION

WOODBIDGE McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1864; d. 18??; m. Annie Black; b. 18??. Lived in Detroit, Michigan. Children: Donald, George, Andrew, Annie, Jessie McClure.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1866; d. 1939; m. Ida Warren; b. 1879. Lived in West Toronto. Children: Jessie, Glenna.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1870; d. 1910; m. Millie Torrence; b. 1869; d. 1939. Lived in West Toronto. No family reported.

JESSIE McCLURE, daughter of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1872; m. Levi Armstrong; b. 18??. Children: Not reported.

LORNE McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1880; d. 1953. Single. Lived in Toronto.

FULLERTON McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1885; m. Edith Rowntree; b. 1884. Living in Toronto. Children: Bruce McClure.

VESTA McCLURE, daughter of John, of Andrew, of

Andrew—b. 1888; m. Rance Duffy; b. 18??. Living in Toronto. Children: Horace, Elmer, Alice Duffy.

DAVID McCLURE, son of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1882; d. 1908; m. Norma Smith; b. 1883. No further information given.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1906; m. Albert Faulkner; b. 1907. Living at Weston.

AILIE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1888; m. Cecil Keys. Living in Toronto. Children: Henrietta, Dorothy, May Keys.

NORMAN McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1883; m. Mabel Egan; b. 1883. Living in Toronto. Children: Ellen, Bryson, Jean Isabella, Andrew McClure.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1871; m. Mary Wells; b. 1877; d. 1947. Living at King. Children: not reported.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1873; d. 1940; m.?. Lived at Nobleton. Children: not reported.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1875; m. J. Cameron; b. 1875; d. 1949. Living at Weston, Ont. Children: Jane, Mary, Carrola Cameron.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of William, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1879; d. 1943; m. Abbie Jenkins. They lived at (?) He was a doctor. No children reported.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of William, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1881; m. Sarah Kearns; b. 1880. They lived at (?) Children: Janette, Margaret, William.

MAUD McCLURE, daughter of William, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1878; m. Ed. Hicks. They lived at St. Catharines, Ont. No children reported.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of William, of Andrew, of

Andrew—b. 1887; m. Rev. T. Ellery; b. 1887. They lived in England. Children: Timothy Ellery.

MAMIE McCLURE, daughter of James H., of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1869; d. 1939; m. Thomas Hugill; b. 1865; d. 1946. They lived at (?) Children: Edna, Hazel, Robert, Kathleen Hugill.

JOHN McCLURE, son of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. Dec. 6, 1870; m. Clara Dickson; b. 18???. They lived in Toronto. Children: Eileen, Wilfred, Isobel.

MARY CATHERINE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1877; d. 1918; m. Joseph Julian. Lived on farm near Castlemore. Children: Arthur Julian.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1879, a twin; m. A. L. McNeil; b. 18???; d. 1950. They lived on a farm near Woodbridge. No family.

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1879, a twin; m. Angus Hamilton; b. 18?? They lived at Moorefield, Ont. Children: Angus Hamilton.

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1881; d. 1952; m. W. R. Nattress; b. 18?? Lived at Nobleton, Ont. Children: Agnes, William, Catherine, John, Janey Nattress.

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1884; m. Bessie Howstrasser; b. 1884. They live on lot 13, concession 8, Vaughan Township, York County. Is past president of the clan. Children: Cameron, George, Andrew McClure.

AILIE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—a twin, living in Toronto. Single. Retired school teacher.

JESSIE McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1888, a twin; m. F. Weatherspoon; b.

18???. Living in Toronto at 272 Armadale Avenue.
Children: Nancy, David, Mary Weatherspoon.

AGNES McCLURE, daughter of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1899; m. W. H. Quinn; b. 18?? Living in Toronto. Children: William Quinn.

FIFTH GENERATION

WOODBIDGE McCLURE FAMILY

DONALD McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 18??; m. (?) Living at Detroit?

GEORGE McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 18??. Lived in Detroit?

ANDREW McCLURE, son of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 18??; m. 18??, in Detroit!!

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. (?) I have no definite report of this family.

JESSIE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1903; m. Frank Russel; b. 1901. Lived at (?) Children:

GLENNA McCLURE, daughter of Andrew, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1905; m. E. Pepper; b. 1905. Children:

BRUCE McCLURE, son of Fullerton, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1924; m. Muriel Bell; b. 1927. Living at (?) Children: Donald.

EILEEN McCLURE, daughter of John A., of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. June 11, 1903; m. Dr. John Williams; b. 18??. Living at 99 Brentwood Rd. N., Toronto. Children:

WILFRED McCLURE, son of John, of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. June 30, 1902; m. Isabel Stevens; b. August 6, 1904. Living at 209 Greer Rd., Toronto. Wilfred is a Past President of the Clan. Children: Margaret, Norma, David McClure.

ISOBEL McCLURE, daughter of John, of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. Nov. 2, 1912. No record.

ELLEN BRYSON McCLURE, daughter of Norman, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew.

JEAN ISABELLA McCLURE, daughter of Norman, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Norman, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Andrew.

CAMERON McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1912; m. Margaret Walwin in 1953. Living in Vaughan, York County. Children: Cameron.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1917; d. 1941. Buried in Knox Vaughan Cemetery; m. Coline Puckett. They lived in Texas, U.S.A.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Samuel, of Samuel, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. 1919; m. Verna Fletcher Bryson in 1953. Living on lot 13, eighth concession, Vaughan Township, York County. Andrew is President of our Clan, 1952. Children: daughter.

SIXTH GENERATION WOODBRIIDGE McCLURE FAMILY

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Wilfred, of John, of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. Feb. 17, 1934; m. Glen John McMurray.

NORMA McCLURE, daughter of Wilfred, of John, of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. March 3, 1916.

DAVID McCLURE, son of Wilfred, of John, of James, of Andrew, of Andrew—b. April 13, 1941.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

The Tupperville McClure Family
Three Generations

FIRST GENERATION

TUPPERVILLE McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE—b. in Inverness, Scotland, in the year 1826. Married Margaret McKinnon; b. in Scotland, 1813. Report says they were married in Scotland and came to Canada in 1847, and settled on a farm north west of Madoc, in Hastings County. They lived there until their oldest son became 18 years old, and at that time they bought land near Tupperville in Kent County. It was there young Donald went to clear the land and get a house of logs built before the other members of the family went to live there.

I have been told that there were nine or ten children but I have been given only three names—Donald, Charles and Alexander or Sandy. By dates given the wife was only 14 when they came to Canada. But another report gives us the names of Donald, Teena, Maggie, Annie, Mary, Dick (known as Rocky Mountain Dick), Alex. Charlie and James. They are buried at Dresden, Ont. I am not satisfied with this report as I find it hard to trace the history of people we do not know. Mrs. Stuart, who is a granddaughter of James, was at our reunion held at Brampton on Sept. 1st, 1952, and she gave quite a lot of names I have not been given before and now I am really lost or mixed up. (T.A.M.)

DONALD McCLURE, brother of James; b. 1824, in Scotland. Came to Canada 1847. Married? They settled near Madoc in Hastings County and, I believe, are buried there. They had one son, who became a doctor,

and one who became a lawyer. Both went to western Canada. They had also a daughter, who grew up to womanhood and died single. I have been in Madoc quite often and once while going with my son-in-law, Barton Haggerty, to see about a sale, we met a Mr. Scott, who said he knew the McClures but they had gone west a long time ago. Mr. Scott is an old man, so remembered these people quite well. He also said they were Scotch and were fine people. I hope that some time I will find out more about these McClures. I was also told, by letter, that these people spoke Gaelic and had a Gaelic Bible.

November, 1953—The Historical Atlas of Hastings County of 1877 shows four farms owned by these McClures. All left the district years ago.

SECOND GENERATION TUPPERVILLE MCCLURE FAMILY

DONALD MCCLURE, son of James McClure—b. March 8, 1862, in Hastings County; d. 1940; m. Emma Martin; b. 1864; d. 1945. Buried at Dresden, Ont. They lived on a farm near Tupperville in Kent County. Children: Annie, Lottie, Mary McClure.

CHARLES MCCLURE, son of James—b. in Hastings County; m. Susan Morrigan. They lived at Dresden, Ont. Children: Glenna, Jean, Donald, Ethel McClure.

ALEX. MCCLURE, son of James—b. in Hastings County, 1868; m. Amie Forshee and a second marriage to Pearl Goodreau. Living at Wallaceburg. No family.

JAMES MCCLURE, son of James—b. in Hastings County; m. (?) Lived at Wallaceburg. Children: Eva, Alex., Greta, Gordon, William.

TEENA MCCLURE, daughter of James—b. in Hastings County; m. Mr. Tassie, of Dresden.

MAGGIE MCCLURE, daughter of James; b. in Hastings County; m. William McCoy of Windsor.

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of James—b. in Hastings County; m. Mr. Hassard of Wallaceburg.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of James—b. in Hastings County; m. Mr. Babcock of Tupperville.

DICK McCLURE, son of James—b. in Hastings County, 1867. Is a prospector in the Rocky Mountains and quite recently lost his eyesight in an explosion. His niece, Mrs. Stuart of Chatham, says that it was he who wrote the song, *When It's Springtime in the Rockies*.

The following story was told by Herbert McClure at our 1946 gathering. He told of a hermit called Rocky Mountain Dick McClure who had written or composed a song which he called *Springtime in the Rockies* and while out for supplies one time he met some tourists who he told about his song, so they put it to music and gave us the beautiful song, *When It's Springtime in the Rockies*.

At a later gathering of the Clan held in 1952 Mrs. Stuart of Chatham, read this account and said that this Dick McClure was her uncle Richard and was no hermit but a prospector and said that he had lost the sight of both eyes by a premature explosion while blasting rocks; so now we have found his family and are very sorry that the man who saw and appreciated the beauty of the springtime in the Rockies and had done so much to tell others about it later befell the misfortune of blindness.

LOTTIE McCLURE, daughter of Donald, of James—b. 1890; d. 1950; m. Gus Wickens; b. 1895. Lived at Dresden, Ont. No children.

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of Donald, of James—b. 18??, near Tupperville; d. 1952; m. Frank Bird. No family.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Donald, of James—b. 1886; m. Mr. Stewart. Were farmers near Dresden. Now retired at 15 Victoria Avenue, Chatham. Children: Harold, Charlotte Stewart.

GRETA McCLURE, daughter of James McClure, of James

—b. (?) ; m. Hilton Johnston. Living near Tupperville.

Children: Twins, Donald James, Donna Jean Johnston.

EVA McCLURE, daughter of James, of James—b. 18??; m.

Mr. Robinson, of Tupperville. Children?

ALEX. McCLURE, son of James, of James—b. 18??; m. ??

Living at Tupperville.

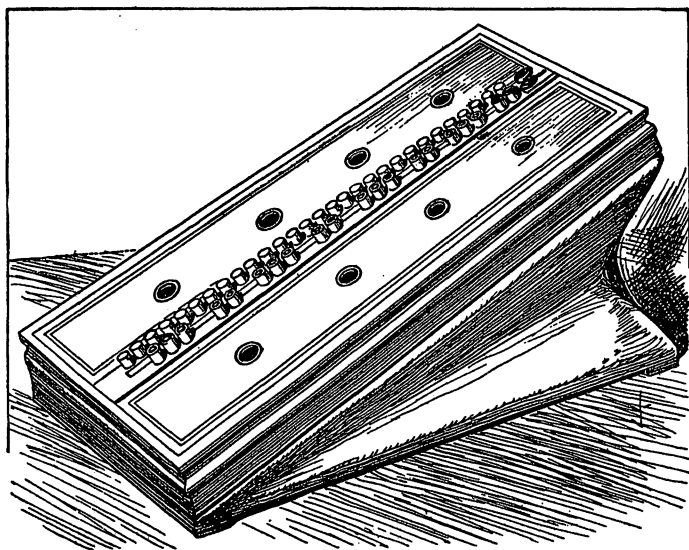
GORDON McCLURE, son of James, of James—b. 18??; m.

18?? Living at Wallaceburg, Ont.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of James, of James—b. 18??.

Living at Wallaceburg, Ont.; m. (?)

This family is Scotch and they have a family reunion of their own at which as many as fifty McClures attend. But Scotch or not they hold their gathering on Sunday. I hope that McClures International never do that, for GOD honors those that honor Him.



CHAPTER FIFTEEN

*The Newmarket McClure Family**Four Generations*

FIRST GENERATION

NEWMARKET McCLURE FAMILY

This family lived in Ireland for several generations, coming to Canada from the north of Ireland, about the year 1839, or a little earlier, and settled on farms in the Newmarket district.

The following is a list of those who came to Canada: James McClure, Robert, Andrew, Annie, Mary, Jane, David.

All the above were born in Ireland and came to Canada together. I do not know anything of any of them but David. Neither do I know who their father was. Is it not a shame that a family like that should drift apart and have no trace of one another? Surely a reunion of this family would have been a good thing.

DAVID McCLURE, b. in Ireland in 1802; d. 1885; m. Mary Ann Erwine; b. 1804; d. 1881. They are buried in Newmarket Cemetery. Please check these dates. They settled in King Township, York County. Children: David, Robert, William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary Ellen, John, Nathan, George, Joseph and Sarah, twins; Aaron Wesley. Twelve of a family.

SECOND GENERATION

NEWMARKET McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, son of David, b. 1864; d. 1887. Buried in Newmarket Cemetery. Single.

ROBERT McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Tillie Cook. Children:

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; m. Nellie Dunham. Children:?

MARGARET JANE McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Thomas Weay. Children:

JOHN McCLURE, son of David—b. 1866; d. 1947; m. Francis Miller; b. 1871; d. 1949. They are buried in Pine Orchard Cemetery. They lived at Pleasantville, fourth concession, Whitechurch, and one and a half miles from Pine Orchard. Children: Gordon, Howard, Douglas, Myrtle, Frank.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Ernest Brooks. Children:

MARY ELLEN McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 18??; d. 1882. Single?

HANNAH McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1865; d. 1928. Single.

NATHAN McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; d. 1892. Single.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Mary Ellen Weay; d. 1944. Children:

JOSEPH JAMES McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; d. 1882.

SARAH EVA McCLURE, twin sister of Joseph James—d. 1919.

AARON WESLEY McCLURE, son of David—b. 18??; d. 1918.

Report says that four of the above died of diphtheria in 1882.

THIRD GENERATION

NEWMARKET McCLURE FAMILY

GORDON McCLURE, son of John, af David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. Lived in Newmarket. Children:

Orley Robert, Dora May, Murray Nelson McClure.

HOWARD McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 18??; m. 18??. Lives at Cedar Valley, Ont. Children:

DOUGLAS McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 18??;

Married? Living at Pleasantville, Whitechurch, Newmarket, Ont. Children:

MYRTLE McCLURE, daughter of John, of David—b. 18??; d. 18??; m. D. Petch. Living at Markdale, Ont.

FRANK McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 18??; d. 1817; Married? Children:

MYRLE McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 18??; d. 1930. He and his sister, Myrtle, were twins.

FOURTH GENERATION

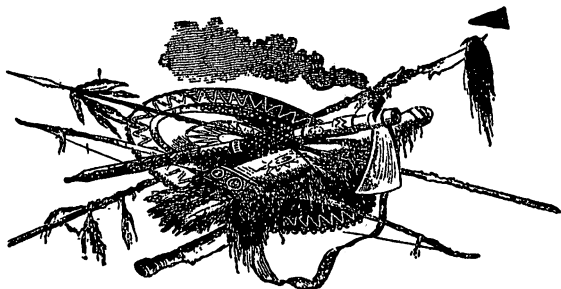
NEWMARKET McCLURE FAMILY

ORLEY ROBERT McCLURE, son of Gordon, of John, of David—b. 1919; m. 18??. Lives at R.R. No. 1, Manchester, Ont. Children:

DORA MAY McCLURE, daughter of Gordon, of John, of David—b. 1921! m. Robert Jewitt. Living at Kettleby, Ont. Children: Glenna Mae Jewitt.

MURRAY NELSON McCLURE, son of Gordon, of John, of David—b. 1926; Married? Children? Living at Newmarket, Ont.

Once more the source of information has gone dry.



CHAPTER SIXTEEN

The Walton McClure Family

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

WALTON McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE—b. in Donegal, Ireland, in 1802; d. 1873; m. Mary McClay; b. in Ireland in 1797; d. 1881. They emigrated to Canada in 1828. For the first eighteen years they lived near Brockville. Then they settled on a farm four miles from Seaforth, on which their children are still living. They are buried in Harpsburg Cemetery, which is one and a half miles west of Seaforth, Ont. I believe that these people are related to the Toledo McClures. Children: George, John, William, James, Rebecca, Margaret.

SECOND GENERATION

WALTON McCLURE FAMILY

GEORGE McCLURE, son of John—b. in Ireland in 1827; d. 1900; m. Sarah Torrance; b. 1937; d. 1911. They are buried in the Maitland Bank Cemetery, north of Seaforth. They lived on the farm of his father, John McClure. Children: John, James, Blanche, William, Mary Jane, Isabella, George, Rebecca, Margaret, Robert, Fanny.

JOHN McCLURE, son of John; b. 1832; d. 18??; Married? Lived at Bayfield, near Seaforth, Ont. Children?

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of John—b. 1837; d. 1865. Single.

JAMES McCLURE, son of John—b. 1835; d. 1928; Married Lived in Goderich?

REBECCA McCLURE, daughter of John—b. 1840; d. 1900;

m. James Graham. Lived near Seaforth. Children: Lena Graham.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of John—b. 18??; d. 18??
Married? Children?

THIRD GENERATION WALTON McCLURE FAMILY

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of George, of John—b. 1869; m. Emeline Storey; b. 1884; d. 1946. Farmer near Seaforth. Children: William Harvey, Samuel, James, Nelson, Margaret Isobel, Robert Alexander, Marvis, Lillian.

JOHN McCLURE, son of George, of John—b. 1864; m. Agnes Smith; b. 18??. Farmed near Winthroe, Ont. Children: Dorothy Murray, Mabel Jane, Agnes Myrtle, George Roger, Margaret Ethel, Robert, Mary Elizabeth, William James, Frances Gertrude.

JAMES McCLURE, son of George, of John—b. 1865; d. 1892. Single.

BLANCH McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 18??; m. Mr. Gill. Lived at Echo Minnesota, U.S.A. Children:

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 1871; d. 1912. Single.

ISABELLA McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 1872. Single, living at Seaforth, Ont.

REBECCA McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 1876. Single. Living at Seaforth, Ont.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of George, of John—b. 1874; Married? Children? Living at Wilkie, Saskatchewan.

FANNY JANE McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 1879; m. J. L. Brown. Living at Komoko, Ont. Children:

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of George, of John—b. 1881; m. J. Broadfoot. Living at Angusville, Manitoba. Children:

ROBERT McCLURE, son of George, of John—b. 1884; d. 1900. Single.

FOURTH GENERATION
WALTON McCLURE FAMILY

DOROTHY MURRAY McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1886; m. Edward Broadfoot. Living in B.C. Children: Doris, Agnes, Margaret, Ruth, Mabel Broadfoot.

MABEL JANE McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1888; d. 1945; m. Robert Adams. Children:

MYRTLE McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1890; d. 1895.

ROGER McCLURE, son of John, of George, of John—b. 1892; m. May Allison. Lived at Shilo, Manitoba. Children: George McClure.

MARGARET ETHEL McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1893. Single. Living at Seaforth.

ROBERT McCLURE, son of John, of George, of John—b. 1895; m. Verna Knox. Living at R.R. No. 4, Walton, Ont. Children: Lillian, Katherine, Ross McClure.

JAMES McCLURE, son of John, of George, of John—b. 1900. Married? Lived at R.R. No. 4, Walton, Ont. Children:

GERTRUDE McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1902; m. Garnet Taylor. Living at Stratford. Children?

MARY ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of John, of George, of John—b. 1898; m. J. Simpson. Living at Silverton, Manitoba. Children?

WILLIAM HARVEY McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 1913; m. Bessie Callum; b. 18??. Farming R.R. No. 1, Walton, Ont. Children: William, Laverne Harvey McClure. They have five boys.

SAMUEL GEORGE McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 18??. Children?

JAMES RUSSELL McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 18??. Married? Living at? Children:

NELSON JOHN McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 18?? Married? Living at ? Children:

MARGARET ISABEL McCLURE, daughter of William, of George, of John—b. 18??. Married? Living at—— Children:

ROBERT ALEXANDER McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 18?? Married? Lived at—— Children:

DOROTHY EVELYN McCLURE, daughter of William, of George, of John—b. 18?? Married? Living at ? Children:

WALTER McCLURE, son of William, of George, of John—b. 18?? Married?

MARVIS LILLIAN McCLURE, daughter of William, of George, of John—b. 18?? Lived at?



CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

The Grimsby McClure Family

Four Generations

The history of this family is given by Mrs. Fuller, of 21 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, whose father was Thomas Kerr McClure, son of Thomas. She says her people originally came from the Isle of Mann, which they ruled and that there is a Miss McClure who still rules the island but under British rule. (No doubt if there is a Miss McClure on the Isle she will rule just as they usually do. T.A.M.) She also says that when the island was overrun by the Romans or Saxons they migrated to Scotland where they remained until the time of the Covenanters, at which time they again migrated to the north of Ireland.

FIRST GENERATION

GRIMSBY McCLURE FAMILY

THOMAS McCLURE—b. in Ireland, County of Amagh, in the year 18?? Married Frances Kerr; b. in Ireland 18??. They were married in Ireland. Came to Canada in 1827, and settled on a farm near Kilbride, Ont. They are buried? Children: James, Jane, Thomas Kerr McClure.

SECOND GENERATION

GRIMSBY McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, son of Thomas—b. in Ireland, in the County of Armagh, in the year 18?? Emigrated to Canada in 1827 with his parents. Married? Lived at? Children?

JANE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas—b. in Ireland, in the year 18??; m. Collins; m. 18??. Children: Sarah, Catherine, Thomas—all dead.

THOMAS KERR McCLURE, son of Thomas—b. in Ireland

in the year 1818; d. 1902; m. Ann Stewart; b. 18??
Lived at? Children: George K., Charles Thomas, Wil-
liam H., Sarah Jane, Harriet Ann, Delphine, Alice
Maud, Frances Catherine McClure.

THIRD GENERATION GRIMSBY McCLURE FAMILY

GEORGE KERR McCLURE, son of Thomas K., of Thomas—
b. 18??; d. 18??. Married ! Children :

SARAH JANE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas K., of
Thomas—b. 1879; d. 1895. Single.

HARRIET McCLURE, daughter of Thomas K., of Thomas
—b. 1876; d. 1896. Single.

DELPHINE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas K., of Thomas
—b. 1878; m. William J. H. Fuller. Living at 21
Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ont. No family.

HARRLET ANN McCLURE, daughter of Thomas K., of
Thomas—d. 1931. Single.

FRANCES McCLURE, daughter of Thomas K., of Thomas—
b. 1864; d. 1940. Single.

CHARLES McCLURE, son of Thomas K., of Thomas—b.
18??; d. 18??; m. Catherine Conway; b. 18!! They
lived at?? Children: Agnes, Lopise.

WILLIAM HIRAM McCLURE, son of Thomas K., of Thomas
—b. 18??; m. Elizabeth Bowyer; b. 18??. Children:
Thomas William, Charles Albert, George Douglas,
Robert James, Doris Frances.

FOURTH GENERATION GRIMSBY McCLURE FAMILY

LOUISE McCLURE, daughter of Charles, of Thomas K., of
Thomas—b. 18??; m. Malcolm McIver; b. 18??. Living
at Brimley, Michigan, U.S.A. Children: Kathryn, Mal-
colm McIver.

AGNES McCLURE, daughter of Charles, of Thomas K., of
Thomas—b. 18??; d. 18??. Married! Children:

THOMAS WILLIAM McCLURE, son of William H., of Thomas K., of Thomas—b. 18??; m. 18??. Children:
CHARLES ALBERT McCLURE, son of William H., of Thomas K., of Thomas—b. 18??; Married? Children:
GEORGE DOUGLAS McCLURE, son of William H., of Thomas K., of Thomas—b. 18??; Married? Children:
ROBERT JAMES McCLURE, son of William H., of Thomas K., of Thomas—b. 18?? Married? Children:
DORIS FRANCES McCLURE, daughter of William H., of Thomas K., of Thomas—b. 18?? Married? Children:



CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

*The Bangor, Ireland, McClure Family**Two Generations*

FIRST GENERATION

BANGOR, IRELAND, McCLURE FAMILY

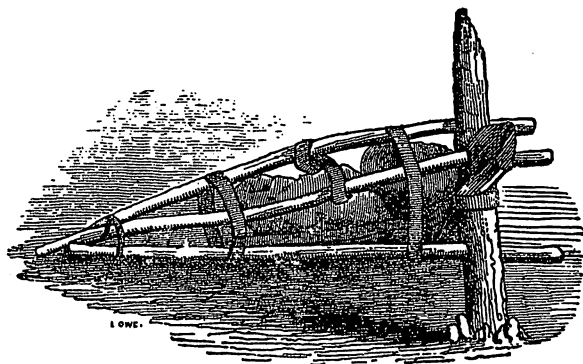
WILLIAM ROBERT McCLURE—b. in Bangor at the very tip of Ireland in 1887. Lived at Bangor, Ireland. Children: Two daughters and one son, John.

SECOND GENERATION

BANGOR, IRELAND, McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE, son of William—b. 1917, in the U.S.A.; d. 1952; m. 18??. Lived at 24 Colborne St., Oshawa, Ont. Children: Carrol Ann McClure.

More history promised and no matter how little is given it will be recorded as I have set out to get a record of McClures, and not just your people and mine but all that is given shall have equal care, thought, and attention, let him be black or white, rich or poor (T.A.M.).



CHAPTER NINETEEN

*The Abraham McClure Family,
Ahoghil, Ireland*

Seven Generations

FIRST GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE—b. in Scotland, 1690.

SECOND GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

ANDREW McCLURE—b. in Ireland, 1726.

THIRD GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

ABRAM McCLURE—b. in Ireland, 1760; m. Mary McClure (please correct this if you can as I am not sure about it). They live and are buried in the County Antrim, Ireland. Children: Abram, Joseph, Samuel, Hannah, Betty, Sarah.

FOURTH GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

SAMUEL McCLURE, son of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. some time about 1800, in Ireland; m. Isabella Craig; b. 18?? in Ireland. I believe they were farmers in the County Antrim, Ireland. Children: Mary, Margaret, Eliza, Hannah, Sarah.

ABRAM McCLURE, son of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 18??; m. Jane Murphy; b. 18??. They live in Ireland. Children: Mary, Abram, Elizabeth, Hannah, Robert, William, Sally.

FIFTH GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

ABRAM McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 18?? in Ireland; m. Rachel Taylor; b. 18?? in Ireland. They lived in Ireland. Children: Arthur, Abram, William, John, Mai, Jennie, Elizabeth, William, Robert.

SIXTH GENERATION

ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

ARTHUR McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 18?? in Ireland; m. Susan McKay; b. in Ireland. Living at Castletown Ahoghill County Antrim, Ireland. Children: Ruby, Essie, Maureen, Abram.

ABRAM McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Dec. 8, 1887, in Ireland; m. Annie Robinson. Living at Old Westbury, Long Island, N.Y., U.S.A. Children: none.

DANIEL McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Nov. 11, 1894, in Ireland. Living at Cedar Grove Essex County Hospital, N.J., U.S.A. Single.

MAI McCLURE, daughter of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. 1902, in Ireland. Same address as her brother, Daniel.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. June 1, 1888, in Ireland; m. Mary Cameron. Living at Hillview Ballyminster, Ireland. Children: Helen, Ruby, Isa, Lily, John.

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 24, 1891, in Ireland; m. John Blair. Living at Lyall Bay, New Zealand. Children: Ruby, Mai, John Blair.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Nov. 25, 1896; m.

James Green. Living at Portglenone, Ireland. No children.

WILLIAM ROBERT McCLURE, son of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. April 13, 1893; married and living in America.

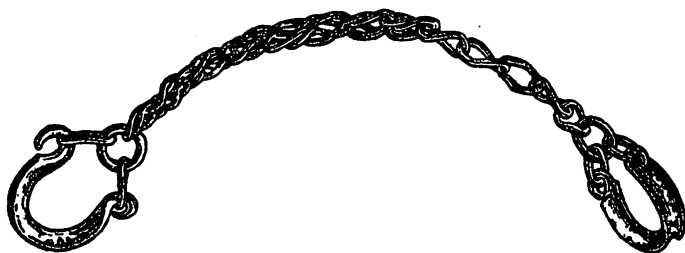
SEVENTH GENERATION
ABRAHAM McCLURE FAMILY

ABRAM McCLURE, son of Arthur, of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Sept. 28, 1944; Married? Living at Children:

MAUREEN McCLURE, daughter of Arthur, of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 29, 1940; Married? Living at

ESSIE McCLURE, daughter of Arthur, of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Feb. 29, 1937; Married? Living at Children:

RUBY McCLURE, daughter of Arthur, of Abram, of Abram, of Abram, of Andrew, of James—b. Sept. 8, 1934; Married? Living at Children:



CHAPTER TWENTY

*The Brantford McClure Family**Two Generations*

FIRST GENERATION

BRANTFORD McCLURE FAMILY

JOHN McCLURE—b. 1860 in Scotland; d. 1923; m. Jane Morton; b. 18??; d. 1939. Both buried at Brantford. They lived on a farm. Children: Jennie, Mary, Morton, Ivie, Jean, Gavin, Norman, Campbell.

SECOND GENERATION

BRANTFORD McCLURE FAMILY

JENNIE McCLURE, daughter of John—b. 18??; m. Campbell Cameron. Living at

CAMPBELL McCLURE, son of John—b. 1889; d. 1929; Married? Lived at

MORTON McCLURE, son of John—b. 1893; d. 1952; m. Teena Thompson; b. 1895; farming R.R. No. 6, Brantford. Children: Phyllis, Mary Jane.

THIRD GENERATION

BRANTFORD McCLURE FAMILY

GAVIN McCLURE, son of John—b. 18?? Married? Address Children:

MARY McCLURE, daughter of John—b. 18?? Married? Living at Children:

IVIE McCLURE, son of John—b. 18?? Married Edna Keith; b. 18?? Living at R.R. No. 6, Brantford. Children: Janette McClure.

JEAN McCLURE, daughter of John—b. 18??; m. Cecil Whitham. Living at 22 Nelson Street, Brantford, Ont. Children:

NORMAN McCLURE, son of John—b. 18??; married?? Living at Children:

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

The Port Sydney McClure Family

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

PORT SYDNEY McCLURE FAMILY

JESS McCLURE, son of John—b. 18??; d. 1918; m. Martha Swallow; b. 18??; d. 18??; They settled first in Scarborough; also lived for some time at Orangeville and later in Toronto, where they are buried. Children: Mathew, James, Joseph, Jess, Herbert.

SECOND GENERATION

PORT SYDNEY McCLURE FAMILY

MATHEW McCLURE, son of Jess, of John—b. in Scarborough, May 14, 1862; d. 1943; m. Bertha Clark; b. 1880; d. 1944. They are buried at Port Sydney, Ont. He was Postmaster at Port Sydney. Children: Herbert, Gordon, Donald, Beta, Arthur.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Jess, of John—b. 18??; d. 18??; Married? Children:

JOSEPH McCLURE, son of Jess, of John—b. 18??; d. 18??; Married? Living at 45 Wychwood Blvd., Toronto, Ont.

JESS McCLURE, son of Jess, of John—b. 18??; m. 1907. Living at R.R. No. 8, London, Ont. Children:

HERBERT McCLURE, son of Jess, of John—b. 18??. No children.

THIRD GENERATION

PORT SYDNEY McCLURE FAMILY

HERBERT McCLURE, son of Mathew, of Jess, of John—b. 1900; m. Norma Morse; b. 18??. Living at 56 Woodcrest St., Toronto, Ont. Children: Donald, David, Karen.

GORDON McCLURE, son of Mathew, of Jess, of John—b. 1905; m. Beatrice Post; b. 18??. Living at Gamebridge, North Lindsay, Ont. Children: Phyllis, Harold McClure.

DONALD JAMES McCLURE, son of Matthew, of Jess, of John—b. 1907. Postmaster at Port Sydney, Ont.; m. Ella May Riley; b. 18??. Living at Port Sydney. Children: Carole, Edward.

BETA McCLURE, daughter of Matthew, of Jess, of John—b. 18??. m. W. B. Dubois; b. 18??. Living at Huntsville, P.O. Box 481, and Port Sydney, Ont. Children: Stephen Dubois.

FOURTH GENERATION PORT SYDNEY McCLURE FAMILY

CAROLE McCLURE, daughter of Donald, of Matthew, of Jess, of John—b. 1933.

EDWARD McCLURE, son of Donald, of Jess, of John—b. 1935.

HERBERT McCLURE, son of Jess, of Jess, of John—b. 18??. m. Geraldine Austin; b. 18??. Living at R.R. No. 2, London, Ont. Children: Louise, Sharon, Kathryn, Brian. Herbert is a member of London Township Council and is not a yes man, judging by the following account:

WOULD PROVE 'STINK' OVER SALE OF LOTS

By Ron Kenyon, Telegram Staff Reporter

London, Sept. 16.—What one councilor, Herb McClure, called a "stinking mess" came to light at London township council last night when Mr. McClure charged that township-owned lots had been sold for speculative purposes.

He demanded an investigation of the activities of Lloyd Mosure, township treasurer, who, he claimed, had bought land from the township, and had sold it at a profit before he paid for it.

Reeve William Goddard declined to have the matter discussed publicly and intimated that it could be brought up at a private meeting.

These were the charges made by McClure: That after the building of the new Arva high school three years ago council

decided to sell 26 left over lots to township employees. Mr. McClure said the intention was to sell one lot to a person for building a private house.

Although the lots are estimated to be worth an average of \$1,000 each, they were to be sold at \$250 for an inside lot and \$350 for a lot fronting on a road.

Mr. McClure charged that Mr. Mosure, who was at the time clerk-treasurer, had earmarked three lots for himself, had sold one lot to a relative, G. H. Brighton, who works for the township and two lots to Brighton's son, who does not work for the township.

In addition a number of other double lots were sold notably to Chief of Police Doug McGuire and to two policemen, while most of the township employes were not even notified that the lots were available for sale.

Mr. McClure said that only one house had been built on all the lots. He said Mr. Mosure had sold $1\frac{1}{2}$ lots for which he held the deed (though he had not paid the money for the lots) to Tom Coulridge, the building inspector at a profit of \$75. Mr. McClure said that Mr. Mosure's cheque for his original purchase of the lots was dated one month after the sale of them to Coulridge.

Mr. McClure told council: "I can't prove everything that has been going on around here but this is something I can prove. It is a speculative deal and it stinks. We have employes of the township who say they didn't know the lots were for sale. I think it's a pretty shady deal."

Council could not remember whether it has authorized Mr. Mosure to sell lots without council's consent or not, and the minutes of the meeting apparently were not available.

Councilor Howard Elson, asked whether Mr. Mosure was asked to sell the lots, said: "It's a long time ago; I don't remember."

When Mr. Mosure was asked, "How did you sell the lots?" he answered: "It was let known to the officials—that is, the employes—of the township."

Mr. McClure said he understood the lots were to have been paid for inside of a year and that Mr. Mosure seemed to have been doing an instalment business in some cases, earmarking lots for people on a low down payment or even in some cases on no down payment at all.

Today Mr. Mosure declined to discuss the matter. He claimed the council had asked that it be not publicized.

Councilor Elson said there also had been unreasonable delay in the sale of debentures totaling many hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said he understood that only \$30,000 to \$40,000 worth had been sold this year.

Mr. Mosure, on the other hand, claimed he had sold about \$474,000 worth of debentures and that he had no more authorized for sale. He admitted he was the clerk and in charge of the minutes of the council meeting at which it was decided when and how to sell the other building lots. "But," he added, "I was relieved of the clerkship some time ago and those minutes are now the responsibility of the new clerk."

Asked "Do you recollect what was in those minutes?" he answered: "I have nothing to say."

The threatened blow-up of last night, which was momentarily squelched by council and saved for a private meeting, is the expression of widespread dissatisfaction in the running of township affairs.

The township which skirts the perimeter of London has jurisdiction over many of London's big new industries. It has an assessment of about \$19,000,000 making it one of the richest townships in the province.



CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

*The Melfort (Saskatchewan)
McClure Family*

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

MELFORT, SASKATCHEWAN McCLURE FAMILY

ROBERT McCLURE—b. 1816 in Scotland; m. Mary Steel; b. 1818 in Scotland. They were farmers near Glasgow. Children: Robert, Thomas, William, Emily. The children were born in Ireland, so they must have lived in Ireland for some years.

SECOND GENERATION

MELFORT, SASKATCHEWAN McCLURE FAMILY

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Robert; b. 1846 in Londonderry, Ireland. Emigrated to Canada (to Hull, Quebec) in 1860. No further report.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Robert; b. 1848 in Londonderry, Ireland. Emigrated to Canada 1860 and later to U.S.A. No further report.

ROBERT McCLURE, son of Robert; b. 1844, in Londonderry, Ireland; m. Jane Downing; b. 1847, in Scotland. At the time of their marriage he was a ship builder in Scotland. They came to Canada in 1868 and settled in Pontiac County, Quebec. They must have come to Canada soon after their marriage. Children: Archie, Thomas, George, William, Charles, Kenneth, Martha, Margaret, Vilera, Mary, Elizabeth, David. I have heard of the big families in Quebec but thought they were always French. (T.A.M.).

EMILY McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1850; came to Canada in 1879; d. 1932; m. Wm. Broad, Water Works

Inspector, Ottawa. They lived at Ottawa. Children: Thomas, Robert, William, Marion Broad.

THIRD GENERATION

MELFORT, SASKATCHEWAN, McCLURE FAMILY

ARCHIE McCLURE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. 1897, in Pontiac County, Quebec; m. Mary Edstrom. She died and he married Winnifred Rippon; b. 1908 in England. They lived in Calgary. He served overseas 1914-1918. Died 1943. Children: Violet, Dorothy, Helen, Harold, Patricia, Donald, David.

GEORGE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. 1887. Living at Prince Albert, Sask.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. 1884, in Quebec; m. Louisa Livine; b. 1882; d. 1929. Living at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Children: Peter, Margaret, Vilera, Cameron, George, Gertrude, Charles, Muriel McClure.

CHARLES McCLURE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. 1895. Single. Living at Kinstine, Sask.

KENNETH McCLURE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. 1906, in Saskatchewan. Served overseas from 1939 to 1944. Single. Living at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

MARTHA McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of Robert—b. 18??; m. Thomas Powers; b. 18??. Living at Steep Creek, Saskatchewan. Children: June, Fay, Viola, Helen, James, William, Robert Powers.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of Robert—b. 1880, in Quebec; m. H. Strain; b. 1882. Living at 875 W. 26th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. Children: Irma, Elsworth, George, Rowena, Hazel, Judy, Harry Strain.

VILERA McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of Robert; b. 1899, in Quebec; m. Lloyd McFarlane; b. 1894. Living at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Children: Doreen, Joyce.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of Robert—b. 1890, in Quebec; m. D. Flett; b. 1883. Living at Ethel-

ton, Saskatchewan. Children: Frances, Mina, Robert Flett.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Robert, of Robert—b. 1878; m. G. Strain; b. 1869. Living in Vancouver, B.C. Children: Colin, Archie, Harold, Edna Strain.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Robert, of Robert—b. May 10, 1902, in Quebec; m. Mary Darnborough; b. 1904, in England. Living at Vancouver, B.C. Children: William, Helen, Donald, Neil, Dorothy, Darrell McClure.

DAVID McCLURE, son of David, of David—b. 1880, in Quebec; m. Jessie Graham. Living at Ottawa. Children: Vilera, David, Audrey.

FOURTH GENERATION

MELFORT, SASKATCHEWAN, McCLURE FAMILY

PETER KENNETH McCLURE, son of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1910, in Quebec; m. Ann Smith. Living at North Battleford, Saskatchewan. No report of children.

MARGARET JANE McCLURE, daughter of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1912, in Quebec; m. Stanley Stewart; b. 1907. Living at Melfort, Sask. Children: Fannie, Campbell, Opal, Elaine, Donna, Elizabeth, Stewart.

VILERA McCLURE, daughter of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1913, at Rapid Des Joachinis, Quebec; m. Norman Teneycke, b. ?; Living at Elstone, Sask. Children: Rita, Norma, Blanch Teneycka.

CAMERON McCLURE, son of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1918, at Kinstine, Sask. m. Jean Barnard, b. 1922, in England. Living at Melfort, Saskatchewan. Children: Peter, Donna, Winnifred, Roy. Cameron McClure served his country overseas in World War II.

GEORGE McCLURE, son of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1920; d. 1935.

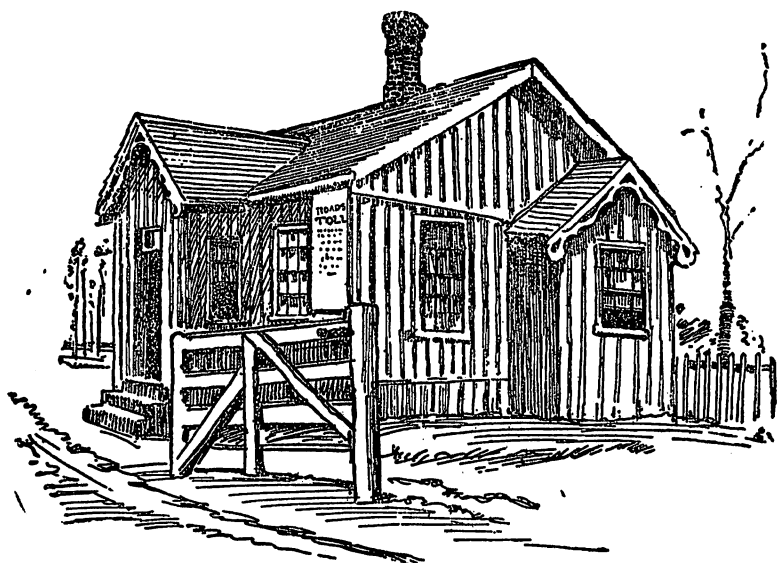
EMERALD GERTRUDE McCLURE, daughter of William, of

Robert, of Robert—b. 1922, in Saskatchewan; m. H. O. Keef. Living at Melfort, Sask. No family.

CHARLES McCLURE, son of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1924, at Melfort, Sask. married ?. Living at Codett, Sask. Children: Cameron, b. 1949.

MURIEL McCLURE, daughter of William, of Robert, of Robert—b. 1926, in Saskatchewan; m. Gordon Fleming, b. ?. Living at Edmonton, Alta. Children: Barbara, Betty Fleming.

This last generation are all children of William and I would like to have all the others as well. (T.A.M.)



CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

The Toledo (Ontario) McClure Family

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

TOLEDO McCLURE FAMILY

JAMES McCLURE, b. in Ireland, 1800; d. 1873; m. Elizabeth Seymor, b. 1816. Came to Canada in 1810, settling in Leeds County, near Toledo. Children: Mary Jane, Alexander, Elizabeth, Margaret McClure.

SECOND GENERATION

TOLEDO McCLURE FAMILY

MARY JANE McCLURE, daughter of James—b. in Leeds County; d. ?; m. Samuel Edgar; lived at Toledo. Children: James, Lena, Louise, Viola.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of James—b. ?; in Leeds County; d. ?; m. Mr. Stratten, b. ?. They lived at Blenheim, Ontario. Children: none.

ALEXANDER McCLURE, son of James—b. 1837, in Leeds County; d. 1922; m. Annie Duncan. Lived at Toledo, Ontario. Children: Duncan and James Wesley, Lorne, Garfield, Laura McClure.

THIRD GENERATION

TOLEDO McCLURE FAMILY

DUNCAN McCLURE, son of Alexander, of James—b. 1879, at Toledo, Ontario; m. Estella Brown, d. ?; Living at Toledo, Ontario. Children: Wilbert Denton McClure.

JAMES WESLEY McCLURE, son of Alexander, of James—b. 1873, at Toledo; d. 1912. Married Lived at Toledo, Ontario. Children: Verna, Jean, Dorothy, Laura.

FOURTH GENERATION
TOLEDO McCLURE FAMILY

WILBERT DENTON McCLURE, son of Duncan, of Alexander, of James—b. 1910, at Toledo, Ontario. Married Mrs. Miller; living at Toledo, Ontario. Children: ?.

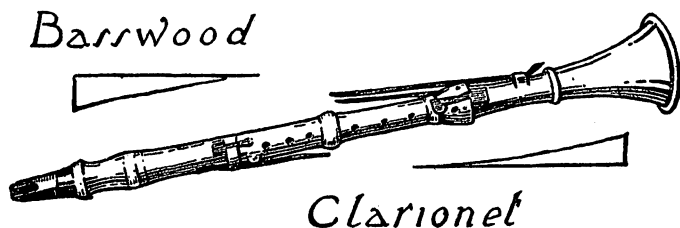
VERNA McCLURE, daughter of Jas. Wesley, of Alexander, of James—b. 1902; single; living at London, Ontario.

JEAN McCLURE, daughter of Jas. Wesley, of Alexander, of James—b. 1909; m. J. White, b. ?. Is a twin. Living at 187 Jackson Ave., Hamilton, Ontario. Children: none.

LAURA McCLURE, daughter of J. Wesley, of Alexander, of James—b. 1909 twin; m. Lloyd Knowles; living at Lanark, Ontario. Children: Arthur, Donald.

DOROTHY McCLURE, daughter of J. Wesley, of Alexander, of James—b. 1905; m. Hugh Shaw; living at 313 Davisville Ave., Toronto. Children: ?.

I believe this family is related to the Walton McClures.



CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

The Woodstock McClure Family

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

WOODSTOCK McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, b. in Scotland; *d.* ?; *m.* *Isabella* Kennedy, b. 1827; *d.* 1915. Came to Canada in ?. Lived at?. Children: Janet, John, Mary, David, Isabella, Martha McClure.

SECOND GENERATION

WOODSTOCK McCLURE FAMILY

JANET McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1854; *d.* 1937; *m.* ?; Children: ?.

JOHN McCLURE, son of David—b. 1856; *d.* 1946; *m.* Henrietta Sutherland, b. 1864; *d.* 1948. They lived at ?. Children: Janet May, John Burns McClure.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1858 at ?; *d.* 1940; married ?; children: ?.

DAVID McCLURE, son of David—b. 1861; *d.* 1947; *m.* Teena Munroe, b. 1865; *d.* 1947. They lived at Embro, Ontario. Children: William, Vina McClure.

ISABELLA McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1860; *d.* 1945; *m.* John Ross, b. ?. They lived at ?. Children: Hugh Ross.

MARTHA McCLURE, daughter of David—b. 1864; *d.* ?. *m.* ?. Children: ?.

THIRD GENERATION

WOODSTOCK McCLURE FAMILY

VINA McCLURE, daughter of David, of David—b. 1886 at ?; *m.* W. F. Durfey; living at Embro, Box 17. Children ?.

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of David, of David—b. 1889 at ?; m. Francis Rice; living at 207 Graham St., Woodstock, Ontario. Children: Wallace, Howard McClure.

JOHN BURNS McCLURE, son of John, of David—b. 1900; m. Ann Kraft; living at Hedgewood Lane, Schnectady, N.Y., U.S.A. Children: Janet B., Molly Ann McClure.

JANET MAE McCLURE, daughter of John, of David—b. 1890; m. Charles Henderson; living at St. Marys, Ontario. Children: William Henderson.

FOURTH GENERATION

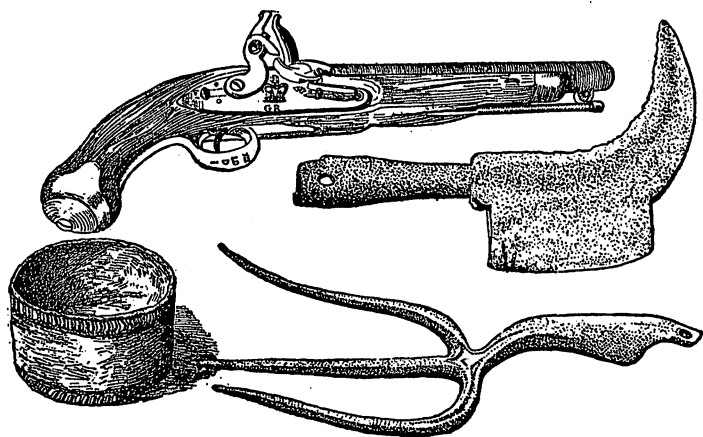
WOODSTOCK McCLURE FAMILY

WALLACE McCLURE, son of William, of David, of David—b. 1916; m. ?; living at 2583 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. Children: ?.

HOWARD McCLURE, son of William, of David, of David—b. 1920; m. Edith Hough, b. ?; living at R.R. No. 1, Ingersoll, Ontario. Children: Dianna, Douglas McClure.

JANET B. McCLURE, daughter of J. B. of John, of David—b. 1935.

MOLLY ANN McCLURE, daughter of J. B., of John, of David—b. 1941 at ?.



CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

The Edmonton McClure Family

Four Generations

FIRST GENERATION

EDMONTON McCLURE FAMILY

ANDREW McCLURE—b. 1834, in Ireland; m. Jemima Core, b. in Ireland. They lived at Foyagh Ballintra County Donegal, Ireland. Children: David, Elizabeth, Thomas, James, Andrew, Martha, Sarah, Jemima, Annie.

SECOND GENERATION

EDMONTON McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, son of Andrew, b. 1877, at Foyagh Ballintra, County Donegal, Ireland. Married Eva Earls. They came to Canada and lived at No. 14 Shownigan Lake, B.C. Children: David, Edith, Laura and Grace twins, Ruth McClure.

ELIZABETH McCLURE, daughter of Andrew—b. 1868 at Foyagh Ballintra, County Donegal, Ireland; m. Mr. Givin; living in the U.S.A. Children: Elizabeth, Lockhart Givin.

THOMAS McCLURE, son of Andrew—b. 1866; d. 1941 on the homestead in Ireland; m. Margaret Morrow. Lived at Foyagh Ballintra on the homestead of his father. Children: Andrew, Jemima, Margaret, Charlotte, David, Mary McClure.

JAMES McCLURE, son of Andrew—b. 1864 in Ireland; d. in Australia. Lived in Australia. Single.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Andrew—b. 1871 in Ireland; m. Hazel Kirkwood. They lived at Newry, Ireland (12 Downshire Rd., Newry) County Down, Ireland. Children: Harry, Andrew McClure.

MARTHA McCLURE, daughter of Andrew—b. 1879, in Ireland; m. Roy Cook; lived in the U.S.A. Children: none.

SARAH McCLURE, daughter of Andrew—b. on the old homestead. Single.

JEMIMA McCLURE, daughter of Andrew—b. 1873 in Ballintra, Ireland. Single.

ANNIE McCLURE, daughter of Andrew—b. 1870 at Ballintra, Ireland. Lived at Newry.

THIRD GENERATION

EDMONTON McCLURE FAMILY

DAVID McCLURE, son of David, of Andrew—b. 1914; m. Mildred Penny; living at P.O. Box 1609, Prince George, B.C. Children: Rennie Maureen, David James McClure.

EDITH McCLURE, daughter of David, of Andrew—b. 1917; m. John Mitchell; living at 110 St., Edmonton. Children: Robert, Joan, David Mitchell.

LAURA McCLURE, daughter of David, of Andrew—b. 1920; living at 2878-38th Ave., Vancouver, 13, B.C. Children: ?.

GRACE McCLURE, daughter of David, of Andrew—b. 1920, twin sister of Laura; m. William Smith, b. ?. Living at Shownigan Lake, B.C. Children: Avril Maureen, Drew Arnel Smith.

RUTH McCLURE, daughter of David, of Andrew—b. ?; Single. Living at 11054-87th Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew—b. 1910, in Ireland. Is married and lives at Clover Nook North Road, Belfast, Ireland. Children: Allen, Thomas, Andrew, Leslie Norman.

JEMIMA McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew—b. 1908, in Ireland; m. H. McGrath; living at Ballintra, Ireland. Children: Allister, David McGrath.

DAVID McCLURE, son of Thomas, of Andrew—b. 1917, in Ireland. Is married, living at Foyah, Ireland. No children.

MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew—
b. 1906; m. Mr. Dean; lived at Rostervon, County
Down, Ireland. Children: Arthur, David Dean.

CHARLOTTE McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew
—b. 1914. Single. Lived at London in the Imperial
Guard Service.

MARY McCLURE, daughter of Thomas, of Andrew—b.
1912, in Ireland; m. Mr. Boutter. Children: Roger,
Jacqueline Boutter.

HARRY McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Andrew—b. at
Newry; d. 1932.

FOURTH GENERATION EDMONTON, McCLURE FAMILY

THOMAS ANDREW McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Thomas,
of Andrew—b. 1947, in Belfast, Ireland.

LESLIE NORMAN McCLURE, son of Andrew, of Thomas,
of Andrew—b. 1951, in Belfast, Ireland.

AN IRISHMAN'S ACCOUNT

Andrew's account from 185 North Road, Belfast,
Ireland follows:

You ask for some stories about the McClures. I was born in the Ancestral Home at Foyagh, Ballintra, Co. Donegal, Ireland, and as a young boy I well remember my Grandfather (Andrew McClure) born 1834, died 1920. He was one of a large family born at Tullylagan Mount-Charles, Co. Donegal, and as a young man of about twenty years of age, sailed to America (New York). After two or three years in America he left on a sailing voyage, lasting some nine months, and arrived in Australia in about 1856; here he stayed for five years and had some fortune as a gold digger in the Ballarat, Bendigo, and Castlemain Gold Fields. He told us an interesting incident of his journey from America to Australia round Cape Horn. He and his cousin Robert, selected a new ship for the journey (called *The Waverley*). After being out of port for some time the ship sprung a leak and all the passengers, in turns, had to man the pumps for the next three weeks until they were able to put

into Rio. Here they stayed for three months while the ship was undergoing repairs, and later left for Australia. As they were slowly leaving the harbour at Rio, the ship's dog, a great favourite with the passengers and sailors, jumped from the Waverley on to another passing ship; this was interpreted as an "ill omen." Soon afterwards many on board ship, including the Captain, were down with the dreaded yellow fever. The Captain ordered the ship to sail south until frost and snow checked the fever. My Grandfather and his cousin, Robert, slept on the open deck for several weeks.

Eventually the ship reached Australia, after the owner had given her up as a total loss at sea. Among the passengers was a young girl, sailing to Australia to marry her lover from the old home country. He was told, as he inquired at the docks in Melbourne, that she had died of yellow fever and was buried at sea several months earlier.

My Grandfather, on his return to Ireland, purchased the home farm at Foyagh, Ballintra, Co. Donegal, married Jemima Corr, and continued his farming (with some interest still in ships, sailors and fishermen) until his death. He had nine of a family, the eldest James, like his father, went to Australia as a young man and died some years ago in Queensland.

My Father, Thomas, remained on the home farm at Foyagh. I was born there and, although intended for a farmer, I continued my studies at night, during my teens, and was successful in gaining a scholarship to Stranmillis Training College for Teachers, Belfast. During the next fifteen years, while an Assistant School Master in Belfast, I pursued University Courses which had led to the B.A. Degree of Trinity College, Dublin and M.A. Degree of Queen's University, Belfast. In 1946, I was appointed Principal for Orangefield School Belfast, which has a school population of some 700 pupils. This, in brief, brings an account of my line up to date and any information which I have been able to obtain is also enclosed.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

The Vancouver MacClure Family

Three Generations

FIRST GENERATION

VANCOUVER MACLURE FAMILY

JOHN MACLURE, son of ?; b. in Scotland; m. Miss Cunningham. They lived on a farm near the town of Newton Stuart, Scotland. Children: John Cunningham, William, Henry.

SECOND GENERATION

VANCOUVER MACLURE FAMILY

JOHN CUNNINGHAM MACLURE, son of John—b. in Scotland in 1831; d. in British Columbia; m. Martha McIntyre in Belfast, Ireland, having met her while there as a surveyor. They had two little girls while in Ireland, from where he was sent to British Columbia along with sixteen other Engineers, under the leadership of Colonel Moody, in the year 1858. They travelled in a sailing vessel around by Cape Horn, which took a very long time. They went to survey the then Crown Land, known as New Caledonia, and as a land surveyor he found he had a full time job on his hands. There was nothing to guide them but a rough sketch and he had to get all his own bearings. Two years later his wife and two little girls came out to join him in his lonely work. Children: Two girls, b. in Ireland and Samuel, John Charles and Fred, b. in B.C.

THIRD GENERATION

VANCOUVER MACLURE FAMILY

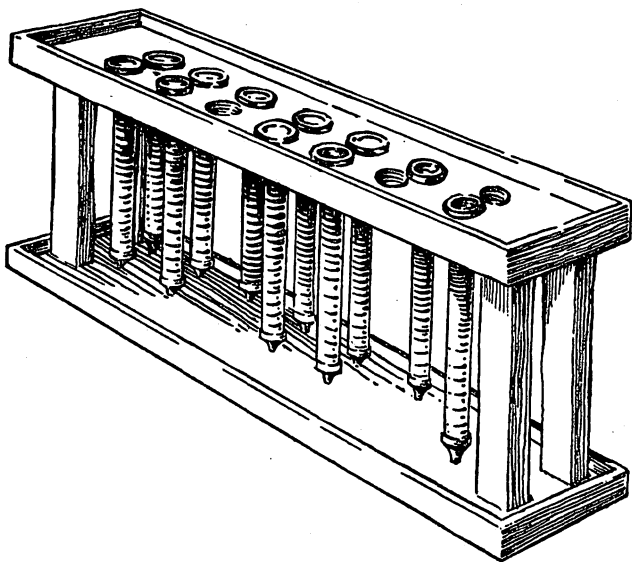
SAMUEL MACLURE, son of John C., of John—b. in B.C. in

1860. I have not been given any more about him except that he grew up in B.C.

JOHN CHARLES MACLURE, son of John C., of John—b. in the bush in B.C. in the year 1862; m. Alice Richardson, who died some years ago. He lives at 1974 Barclay St., Vancouver. Children: Lionel Charles, who died when a young man.

I have a magazine from Vancouver which says John Charles Maclure is Vancouver's oldest Native Son. In it there is a great story of his life and also a lot about his Father, the surveyor, who was a huge man and I am proud to see that they were total abstainers.

Report says that William and Henry, brothers of the surveyor, went to Australia and that a daughter or a grand daughter visited relatives in B.C. while on a trip to the old land. I have their address and have written them but as yet have not had a reply but I hope to get it soon. Note the way they spell their name. How was ours spelled a few generations back? T.A.M.



CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

*The John McClure Family Of
Balmaghil, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland*

Eight Generations

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

JOHN McCLURE, son of ?. We have not the date of his birth but as he married Margaret Martin in 1723, he might have been born about the year 1700. Children: We have not been given the names of but one son—Martin McClure.

SECOND GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

MARTIN McCLURE, son of John—b. at the above address in Scotland in 1724. Report says he was married twice; they lived on a farm; he was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, records of which are shown in connection with the present Church of that place, which is still holding services. Children: William, John, David, Robert, Andrew—all of whom emigrated to Ireland.

THIRD GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of Martin of John—b. in Scotland d. in Ireland in 1793; m. Alice Irlan, in Ireland; lived in County Lancaster. Children: John, William, Robert, Thomas, Mary.

JOHN McCLURE, son of Martin of John—b. in Scotland; m. Rebecca Ewing in Ireland; emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1790. Children: James, William, Robert, John, Mary. I have no record of David, Robert or Andrew.

FOURTH GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

WILLIAM McCLURE, son of William, of Martin, of John—b. 1773; m. Hannah Grundy; lived at Manchester, England. Children: Alice, Henry, John, Robert, Fanny, William, Mary, Hannah, George, Elizabeth, Thomas, Maria, Sarah McClure. I have no report of this William's brothers.

FIFTH GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

THOMAS McCLURE, son of William, of William, of Martin, of John—b. in England 1814; m. Mary Smith, b. ?; lived at Manchester, England. Children: Laura, Charles, Thomas, Henry, Robert, Fredrick McClure. Again I have no information about other members of this large family.

SIXTH GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

ROBERT McCLURE, son of Thomas, of William, of William, of Martin, of John—b. 1857 in England; m. Adeline Keating, b. ?; Lived at Greenwich and Whitstable Kent, England. Children: Douglas Charles, Alan, Hilda McClure.

SEVENTH GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

DOUGLAS CHARLES McCLURE, son of Robert, of Thomas, of William, of William, of Martin, of John—b. 1893, in England; an Army Officer, now retired; m. Phyllis Gunter, b. ?; Living at Greenwich, Blackheath, England. Children: Andrew McClure.

EIGHTH GENERATION

JOHN McCLURE OF SCOTLAND

ANDREW McCLURE, son of Douglas, of Robert, of Thomas, of William, of William, of Martin, of John—b. 1941.

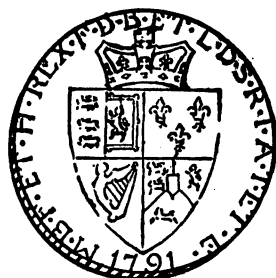
What an army of McClures we would have if we had been able to have the entire families of all these people.

Going back to the third Generation where we show that John went to the U.S.A., we find that he became the father of those McClures known as the Missouri McClures, of whom Mabel B. McClure has published a book entitled "The McClure Clan." In it she tells about her people in a very interesting story, and also gives the history and origin of our people, which is much the same as that of many other historians. As she travelled extensively in the old land she did a grand job in her book. I have written twice to what I thought was her address but I received no reply to my letters. I have written to the publisher of her book and my letter was returned, stating that they were out of business, so I am very sorry indeed.

In the information given by Brigadier Douglas Charles McClure he says the name was spelled Maclure for some generations.

I have seen but one Martin McCLURE in all the names given me.

Gold Guinea



CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

*Pioneer McClures Of Canada
and Monongahela Valley, Pa.*

By A. T. McCLURE
In The Star, Reynoldsville, Pa.

The first member of the McClure family to settle in Ontario, Canada, near Brampton, came in 1820; the second in 1822 and the third two years later. All came from the north of Ireland. They bought woodland which they cleared for farms. (*For picture see plate page V.*)

Their descendants now have become very numerous and have scattered to many other sections of Canada and some to the United States, but a great many reside on the farms of their forefathers, while others are business and professional men in Toronto, Hamilton and villages near where the first McClure settlement was made.

It is their custom to hold McClure reunions once in three years. The last was held in the summer of 1938 at the home of Garfield McClure, two miles west of Brampton. Between the hours of one and three, the committee registered four hundred and thirty-eight names. The balance of the afternoon was spent in meeting each other, hand-shaking and visiting.

The large farm barn had been thoroughly cleaned, floors put down in the mows, on which, and on the barn floor, enough tables with seats had been built to seat the entire company. Hundreds of baskets of food had been brought by the many families which were placed in the hands of a caterer who had charge of the six o'clock meal.

When all had taken their places at the table, the president asked for order and asked that all take part in singing the invocation. A strong voice led and hundreds

united in singing the following lines to the tune of the doxology:

Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May strengthened in Thy service be.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

That evening a pageant was put on, demonstrating the arrival of the first settlers, the pioneer customs of community life, showing the cooperative life that existed. An expert trainer had spent considerable time in preparing the natives for the pageant. It required three and a half hours to enact it. It was well performed and well received by the immense crowd which occupied raised seats in the beautiful front yard of this country home.

A delegation of McClures from McKeesport, Big Run and Reynoldsville attended this reunion. They were graciously and whole-heartedly received and entertained and, in fact, delighted with their Canadian cousins.

The Westmoreland and Allegheny McClures are most all descendants of John and Richard McClure. It is not known any near kinship existed. John McClure was born in Scotland about 1696 and came to what is now Cumgerland County in 1715. He married Janet McKnight, a Scotch-Irish girl. It is believed he met the McKnight family on the ship coming to America. He took up a large tract of land and in 1751 the county seat of Cumberland County was located on a tract adjoining his on the west and the town of Carlisle laid out. A portion of this farm is now within the borough limits.

John McClure had four sons and four daughters; his oldest son was named Andrew. He married and had one son named Abdiel. Andrew died young and left his widow and young son in troublesome times. Braddock's defeat resulted and destroyed the prestige of British armies. French

aggression let loose upon the frontiers a hord of savages to lay waste the settlement. The terrified peasants forsook all and thronged the streets of Carlisle, sleeping in stables and woodsheds. Houses were not sufficient to house them.

Abdiel, during the war for independence, was for a long time a soldier and for a long time held prisoner by the British on Long Island. At what time he came to the Monongahela Valley is uncertain. The records show he made application for a tract of land in 1769 but no survey was made until after the war. At this time he already owned a large amount of territory on the Monongahela river now within the limits of Pittsburgh and a large tract of land on the Allegheny River, all of which has since become very valuable.

Late in the eighteenth century, he moved to Butler County. In 1800 he was one of the first County Commissioners and helped lay out the town of Butler. He lived to the age of 92. Four sons and four daughters lived to maturity. Many of the McClures now living in Westmoreland, Allegheny and Butler counties are the descendants of Abdiel McClure.

Richard McClure with his wife and four sons came from the north of Ireland and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1730 and took up a tract of 630 acres. These four sons all had large families. His fourth son was named Richard, who had seven sons and two daughters. His oldest son he named Alexander. He was the first of this connection to come to Allegheny County. He died at his home in Mifflin township March 1803. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In 1784 a warrant was granted to his son Richard for a large tract of land on the Monongahela, a part of which is now in the borough of Glassport.

The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Richard McClure were among the active and prominent men and women in Western Pennsylvania. His great-

grandson, Francis McClure, was a member of the Penn'a legislature in 1811 and appointed associate judge for Allegheny County in 1812, a position which he held for 26 years. He always held to the old styles and wore his hair in a queue and wore knee breeches.

Judge McClure died in 1843 from the effect of a fall on the ice, at the ripe old age of 103. He had nine children, eight of whom married, and all had children.

To follow up all the other descendants of Richard and John McClure would require volumes. Their descendants have been holding McClure reunions in Sunset and other parks near McKeesport for many years. The Big Run McClures are of this Branch. The Canadian McClures have attended two of the McKeesport reunions and have always had a good time with their American cousins.

While the Reynoldsville McClures are descended from Richard McClure, whose father's name was Thomas McClure and came from the north of Ireland, we cannot trace any relationship with either the Canadian or other families of McClures.

There are a great many Richards, Thomases and Andrews wherever the name is found. The first census taken in the United States was in 1790. The first names are given and shows the same family names Thomas, Richard and Andrew. There were 166 heads of families of McClures in the thirteen states; Pennsylvania had 77, South Carolina came next with 23 and North Carolina third with 17.

The will of Andrew McClure, eldest son of John McClure, is recorded in Carlisle, Cumberland County, which is one of the very earliest wills of record at Carlisle, Will Book A, page 5. It is interesting in the extreme on account of the phraseology and in his expressed belief in a life hereafter. Following is the preamble to his will:

In the name of God, Amen, the 16th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred

and fifty: I, Andrew McClure, of the County of Cumberland and Providence of Pennsylvania, yoeman, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given God therefore, calling into mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for al men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body, I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner, at the discretion of Extras nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and despose of the same in the following manner and form: The records show he did not die until 1757.

There are descendants of John and Richard McClure to be found in many states of the Union. Quite a percentage are lawyers, judges of courts, ministers of the Gospel and business men. Many have remained in the vicinity of McKeesport. It is they that find pleasure in holding annual reunions and keeping the young generation informed of their pioneer forefathers of whom they are justly proud.

Many families have little or no record beyond that contained in the old family Bible where the births, deaths and marriages of their parents are recorded, while the pedigree of their domestic animals may be carefully kept.

A very complete and carefully kept record has been preserved of the families descending from John and Richard McClure. The above is merely a small sketch of what has been preserved.

THE END.